

Community Resources

City Parks Foundation exists to use public green spaces to foster community, while our programs celebrate and reflect the beautiful diversity of our city. Our SummerStage festival lineups reflect the communities where we present shows. For more than 30 years, we have used our programming to give artists a platform to be heard and evoke change but change comes through collective action. We have compiled the resources below to help us all create the change we want to see in our city and ourselves.

This space intended to grow, foster an inclusive community, and encourage civic engagement. As SummerStage Anywhere evolves, we'll update our community resource page and feature partners.

Census

• <u>2020 Census</u>: The Census is a count of every person living in the United States, and takes place every 10 years. The Census determines \$675 billion in federal funding for education, healthcare, public housing and our parks, as well as our number of representatives in Congress. It's essential that every New Yorker is counted, and our voices are heard.

Voting

- HeadCount: HeadCount is a non-partisan organization that uses the power of music to register voters and promote participation in democracy. We reach young people and music fans where they already are – at concerts and online – to inform and empower.
- <u>VotoLatino</u>: Voto Latino is a grassroots political organization focused on educating and empowering a new generation of Latinx voters, as well as creating a more robust and inclusive democracy. Through innovative digital campaigns, culturally relevant programs and authentic voices, we shepherd the Latinx community towards full realization of its political power.
- When We All Vote: When We All Vote is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that is on a mission to increase participation in every election and close the race and age voting gap by changing the culture around voting, harnessing grassroots energy, and through strategic partnerships to reach every American.
- Rock the Vote: Rock the Vote is the most trusted and effective nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to building the political power of young people.

Advocacy and Education

- <u>Black Liberation Reading List</u>: In response to the uprisings across the globe demanding justice for Black lives, the Schomburg Center has created a Black Liberation Reading List. The 95 titles on the list represent books the Schomburg Center uses and recommends for activists, students, archivists, and curators.
- <u>Black Music Action Coalition</u>: BMAC is an advocacy organization formed in alliance with #TheShowMustBePaused. Our Coalition advocates on behalf of Black artists, songwriters, producers, managers, agents, executives, lawyers and other passionate industry professionals. We have come together to address racism within the music industry and society at large.
- <u>Support Black Culture in NYC</u>: This is a working, growing, and collectively-sourced list of Black centered and/or led arts entities (non-profits, collectives, and small businesses) in NYC.
- <u>Play Fair Coalition</u>: Investing in greenspaces makes our neighborhoods more resilient in the face of a changing climate and brings New Yorkers closer to nature. Although City parks make up 14% of NYC's land, NYC Parks receives less than 1% of the total City budget.
- Voices of a People's History of the United States: Voices of a People's History of the
 United States seeks to bring to light little known voices from U.S. history, including
 those of women, African Americans, Native Americans, immigrants, and laborers. By
 giving public expression to rebels, dissenters, and visionaries from our past and
 present we work to educate and inspire a new generation of people working for
 social justice.

Volunteerism

- Partnerships for Parks: Get involved in your neighborhood park through Partnerships for Parks. Connect with your Outreach Coordinator to learn about volunteer opportunities, park clean ups, trainings, and grants for your community.
- NYC Service: NYC Service builds partnerships to deepen and expand civic engagement through volunteer and service programs, creating sustainable change for our city's greatest needs. Find resources and information on how you can safely support COVID-19 response efforts.

Social support

- NYC Well Talk. Text. Chat. 24/7 Free, confidential mental health support via phone, text, or chat and access to mental health and substance use services, in more than 200 languages.
- Mutual Aid NYC: Mutual Aid NYC is a multi-racial network of people and groups building support systems for people in the New York area during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Seek support from fellow New Yorkers in your neighborhood and beyond.

Movement

- Jah9's Yoga on Dub: A certified yoga instructor trained in Kemetic, Ashtanga and lyengar methods, Jah9 has been known to compel her audiences during her live set to pause, breathe deeply and feel empowered. Jah9 also curates an organic rhythm-based yoga experience she calls Yoga on Dub. Recently, she launched a mini series on YouTube called Yoga On Dub TV.
- Karine Plantadit: Karine came to America to become a professional dancer. Within a long and beautiful career her needs to sustain physical and emotional health led her to seek a yoga practice. After months of searching, Karine decided to train in the Moksha/Modo yoga technique because of the deep commitment this style has on Health and Longevity. She also trained with Baron Baptiste. Karine believes that Yoga is to be practiced on and off the mat and her style of teaching includes a sacred space for inner transformation, and a deep respect for right here right now.