

Capital One City Parks Foundation SummerStage Anywhere Announces Live Stream Series Sponsored by AARP New York

Series Debuts on Thursday, October 15th to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Featuring The Cover Girls

Upcoming Performances Include TKA and More

Live Stream Series Features Four Weekly Performances Thursdays at 5:00 PM ET

October 8, 2020 - NEW YORK, NY — Capital One City Parks Foundation SummerStage Anywhere is thrilled to announce a live stream series sponsored by AARP New York. This new series features the expansion of SummerStage Anywhere digital programming into an four-week digital series on SummerStage Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitch channels, as well as on the AARP New York Facebook channel. The first show with The Cover Girls sponsored by AARP will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and debut on Thursday, October 15th at 5:00PM ET.

This SummerStage Anywhere series sponsored by AARP will feature exclusive 60-minute performances Thursdays at 5:00PM ET. As an added benefit to fans, all artists will participate in a live chat on the AARP Facebook page during premiere broadcasts. Artists confirmed to date include:

- October 15: The Cover Girls, a New York City based all female freestyle group
- October 22: TKA, a Latin freestyle trio
- October 29: salsa performance, TBA
- November 12:TBA



"SummerStage has become an important New York tradition. As a longtime sponsor of community events, educational programs and concerts, we wanted to do something special for music fans of all ages during this time," said **AARP New York State Director Beth Finkel**. "We know that listening to music enriches people's lives. A recent AARP survey of more than 3,100 adults who engage in music rated their quality of life and happiness as excellent and good, with lower average levels of anxiety and depression."

The first kickoff show on **Thursday, October 15** at **5:00pm ET** will feature **The Cover Girls.** The New York City based freestyle group's first album, *Show Me* was featured in the Top 40 *Billboard* Hot 100 with hits "Because of You" and "Promise Me." The group achieved mainstream success, being featured on *Nickelodeon, Soul Train, Showtime at the Apollo, MTV, MTV international,* Dick Clark's American Bandstand and the *Disney Channel* numerous times.

On **Thursday, October 22** at **5:00pm ET** tune in for a second night of freestyle with **TKA**, a Latin trio from New York City with strong Puerto Rican roots. The freestyle group saw mainstream success with their track "You Are the One" from the *Lean on Me soundtrack* and performed 1 on *It's Showtime at the Apollo*.

SummerStage Anywhere launched in June in response to COVID-19 to provide one-of-a-kind, free digital performances at home to SummerStage audiences. Past performance highlights include a **Juneteenth Day of Dance**, Indie rock singer/songwriter **Patrick Watson**, Latin Hip Hop star **Mala Rodriguez**, Haitian DJ **Michael Brun**, British-Barbadian jazz saxophonist, clarinetist and band leader **Shabaka Hutchings**, Brazilian pop stars **Pabllo Vittar** and **Duda Beat**, Grammy Award-winning Beninese singer-songwriter **Angélique Kidjo**, Afro-French Cuban musical duo **Ibeyi**, Hip Hop icons **Fab 5 Freddy** and **A\$AP Ferg** and many more. All SummerStage Anywhere programming is archived and available for streaming on <u>SummerStage's YouTube channel</u>.

A full schedule of upcoming programming is below. For the most up-to-date scheduling and lineup information about SummerStage Anywhere, please visit SummerStageAnywhere.org.

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About SummerStage

Capital One City Parks Foundation SummerStage is New York's largest free outdoor performing arts festival. SummerStage annually presents approximately 100 performances in 15-18 parks throughout the five boroughs. With performances ranging from American pop, Latin, world music, dance and theater, SummerStage fills a vital niche in New York City's summer arts festival landscape. Since its inception 34 years ago, more than six million people from New York City and around the world have enjoyed SummerStage. Capital One is the Title Sponsor of SummerStage. For more information, visit www.SummerStage.org.

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