



**Capital One City Parks Foundation
SummerStage Anywhere
Announces April Digital Programming
Upcoming Performances Celebrate
National Poetry Month and International
Dance Day**

NEW YORK, NY –DRAFT- Capital One City Parks Foundation SummerStage is excited to announce digital programming for the month of April, featuring celebrations for **National Poetry Month**, **World Portuguese Language Day**, and **International Dance Day**. Additional programming includes a panel discussion with the **Solidarity for Sanctuary** founder, **Doris Muñoz**, in conversation with artists **KAINA** and **Linda Diaz** and immigrant rights organizer and communicator **Lucia**, followed by a recap of the 2020 SummerStage Anywhere Solidarity for Sanctuary show.

To celebrate the father of hip-hop, DJ Kool Herc's birthday, SummerStage will pay tribute to the genre by premiering a highlight reel of hip-hop performances from over the years at SummerStage across the city including **Nas**, **Public Enemy**, **KRS-One**, **Fat Joe**, **Duck Down Music**, **Buddy**, **Pete Rock**, and many more, hosted by **Ralph McDaniels**.

To celebrate **National Poetry Month**, SummerStage will premiere a collaboration with **Nuyorican Poets Cafe**, a multicultural and multi-arts institution for groundbreaking works of poetry, music, theater, and visual arts on New York City's Lower East Side since 1973. This program will feature poetry from select artists in



association with New York Music Month Extended Play, an initiative of the NYC Mayor's Office of Entertainment on **Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 PM ET.**

In celebration of **International Dance Day**, SummerStage will debut a conversation between DanceAfrica's artist director **Abdel R. Salaam** and producer, **Charmaine Warren**, followed by excerpts from past festival performances on **Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 PM ET.**

SummerStage Anywhere's April performances include:

- **April 1: Solidarity for Sanctuary: "Existence in the Form of Resistance: Women in Music and Activism" Panel with Lucia, Linda Diaz, Kaina, Doris Munoz & 2020 Show Reel** (encore on [SummerStageAnywhere.org](https://www.summerstageanywhere.org)) at 7:00 PM ET. This panel discussion features the **Solidarity for Sanctuary** founder, **Doris Muñoz** in conversation with artists **KAINA** and **Linda Diaz** and immigrant rights organizer and communicator **Lucia** who will reflect on continuing challenges for Latinx, immigrant, and undocumented communities as well as innovative ideas and initiatives to fight for social justice. Following the discussion will be highlights from the 2020 SummerStage Anywhere performances by Mexican singer and songwriter of alternative pop and Tecate **Carla Morrison**, singer and songwriter from the Lower East Side of Manhattan and winner of the 2020 Tiny Desk Contest **Linda Diaz**, and Chicago-based experimental R&B and rock singer-songwriter **KAINA**.
- **April 8: The Remix: a Celebration of Hip-Hop at SummerStage** hosted by hip-hop visionary **Ralph McDaniels** (encore on [SummerStageAnywhere.org](https://www.summerstageanywhere.org)) at 7:00 PM ET. The show will honor DJ Kool Herc, credited as the father of hip-hop, in a celebration of his April 16 birthday and his longtime partnership with the festival. SummerStage will also feature performances at the festival from 2008-2020. The throwback footage from hip-hop notables includes **Nas**, **Public Enemy**, **KRS-One**, **Fat Joe**, **Duck Down Music**, **Buddy**, **Pete Rock**, and many more.



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- **April 15: Saudades: World Portuguese Language Day celebration, in association with Arte Institute** (encore on [SummerStageAnywhere.org](https://www.summerstageanywhere.org)) at 7:00 PM ET. *Saudades* is a word unique to the Portuguese language that describes the feeling of longing for something or someone. In celebration of World Portuguese Language Day, this program will feature some of the best music from the Lusophone community (Portuguese-speaking countries), while sparking renewed reflection on its history and identity. Featured performances include Angolan star **Paulo Flores** and recited poems and reflections from renowned artists and writers **Mia Couto**, **Ondjaki** and **Pedro Coquenão** (aka Batida). Past SummerStage performance highlights will be aired featuring global music stars **Mariza**, **The Gift**, **Selma Uamusse**, and **Dead Combo**.
- **April 22: SummerStage and Nuyorican Poets Cafe National Poetry Month Celebration** in association with New York Music Month Extended Play, an initiative of the NYC Mayor's Office of Entertainment (debut on [SummerStageAnywhere.org](https://www.summerstageanywhere.org)) at 7:00 PM ET. In celebration of National Poetry Month, SummerStage will partner with longtime collaborator **Nuyorican Poets Cafe**, showcasing New York City poets **Caridad De La Luz**, **reg e gaines**, **Mariposa Fernandez**, **J.F. Seary**, **Erik Maldonado** (aka Advocate of Wordz), **Helena D. Lewis**, **Suzen Baraka**, **Darian Dauchan** (performing with loop station), **Wilson "Chembo" Corniel** (performing solo, with congas), **Rome Neal** (accompanied by Chembo on percussion, Lonnie Plaxico on bass, and Andre Chez Lewis on piano), **Ramya Ramana**, **Carlos Andrés Gómez**, **Andres Chulisi Rodriguez** and more. The performances will be recorded both live from The Sultan Room in Brooklyn and remotely.
- **April 29: International Dance Day: DanceAfrica at BAM with Artistic Director, Abdel Salaam** (debut on [SummerStageAnywhere.org](https://www.summerstageanywhere.org)) at 7:00 PM ET. In honor of International Dance Day, SummerStage pays tribute to BAM's DanceAfrica, America's largest celebration of dance from the African diaspora. Created in 1977, under the artistic direction of Founding Elder, Chuck "Baba" Davis, the Brooklyn-based festival is a beloved Memorial Day weekend event, drawing up to 30,000 visitors annually. The program will feature a talk



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between the festival’s artistic director and founder of Forces of Nature Dance Theater, **Abdel Salaam**, and DanceAfrica producer, **Charmaine Warren**. The informal conversation will cover Salaam's experience with DanceAfrica as a performer and now artistic director, and will be followed by breathtaking excerpts from past festival performances.

All performances will be streamed on SummerStageAnywhere.org and all SummerStage social channels ([YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitch](#)).

Capital One City Parks Foundation SummerStage is a proud member of the National Independent Venue Association (NIVA).

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Day	Date	Time	Event	Program Type	Platform
Thurs	4/1/21	7:00 PM ET	Solidarity for Sanctuary	Panel / Encore Performances	SummerStageAnywhere.org and SummerStage Facebook/YouTube/Instagram/Twitch
Thurs	4/8/21	7:00 PM ET	The Remix: a celebration of HipHop at SummerStage	Encore Performances	SummerStageAnywhere.org and SummerStage Facebook/YouTube/Instagram/Twitch
Thurs	4/15/21	7:00 PM ET	Saudades: World Portuguese Language Day Celebration	World Portuguese Language Day	SummerStageAnywhere.org and SummerStage Facebook/YouTube/Instagram/Twitch
Thurs	4/22/21	7:00PM ET	SummerStage and Nuyorican Poets Cafe National Poetry	National Poetry Month	SummerStageAnywhere.org and SummerStage Facebook/YouTube/Instagram/Twitch



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Thurs	4/29/21	7:00PM ET	International Dance Day: DanceAfrica at BAM	International Dance Day	SummerStageAnywhere.org and SummerStage Facebook/YouTube/Instagram/Twitch

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At City Parks Foundation, we are dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community building and education programs for all New Yorkers. Our programs -- located in more than 400 parks, recreation centers and public schools across New York City -- reach 300,000 people each year. Our ethos is simple: thriving parks mean thriving communities.

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 35 years ago, more than six million people from New York City and around the world have enjoyed SummerStage. In 2020, Capital One City Parks Foundation SummerStage Anywhere was launched in response to the global pandemic, presenting 80 free digital performances, spanning all genres, available to all around the world. Capital One is the Title Sponsor of SummerStage. For more information, visit www.SummerStage.org.

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