

Hear the Best in Philly Jazz at the Lancaster Avenue Jazz & Arts Festival Saturday July 20

Free, Live and Family-Friendly

The 2024 Lancaster Avenue Jazz & Arts Festival promises to be the best one yet, as it returns to Saunders Park Greene (39th & Powelton) on Saturday, July 20 from Noon to 7pm. The Festival celebrates West Philadelphia and jazz musicians with spectacular live performances, local vendors, fun children's activities, and delectable treats from food trucks.

The all-day event is free and open to the public, organized by HopePHL™ (formerly People's Emergency Center and Youth Service, Inc.), The Producer's Guild of Philadelphia, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, and a committee of community members, with technical assistance from Nu Millennium Media Productions.

"We are very excited about this year's Lancaster Avenue Jazz & Arts Festival," said Bernadine Hawes, HopePHL Community Development Corporation Board Chair, "it's guaranteed to be an enjoyable day out for anyone in or near West Philadelphia on July 20."

This year's headline act is Jamaaladeen Tacuma Quintet featuring Odean Pope. Other performers include Joe Block Quintet, Timothy Vaughan Inside Outside Ensemble, Mollie Ducoste, Deborah Smith, and returning audience favorite, Glenn Bryan & Friends.

"Celebrating the community with this festival is a high point of our calendar every year," said Kathy Desmond, HopePHL president, "we are grateful to our planning committee, partners, and sponsors for all of their support."

Updates about the Festival, and jazz pop-up performances leading up to it, can be found at hopephl.org/lancaster-avenue-jazz-festival and @hopephlorg on Facebook. Sponsors include: Xfinity, TD Bank, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Penn Medicine Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Jefferson Health Plans, Penn Live Arts, Ballard Spahr, Iron Stone Real Estate Partners, North American Pain & Spine Consultants, Penn Live Arts, Plenary Americas, Servpro, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, and University City District. The event was also financed in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Tourism Office, housed within the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Vote for HopePHL and the Lancaster Avenue Jazz & Arts Festival

The Lancaster Avenue Jazz & Arts Festival has been nominated for Metro's Philly's Best in the Annual Festival category! Fans can learn more and vote from <https://www.hopephl.org/news--publications/vote-for-hopephl-in-philly-metros-best> every day.

Check out the Community Pop-Up Series

Leading up to the festival each year HopePHL sponsors pop-up performances in unique outdoor spaces in Philadelphia from April to July. Performers include The Brent White Band, Wayne Smith, Jr. Band, Mervin Toussaint Quartet, and Justin Bowden. Details at <https://www.hopephl.org/jazz-pop-ups.html>

About HopePHL

HopePHL™ (pronounced "hopeful") was founded through an integration of two human service organizations in Philadelphia, PA: People's Emergency Center (PEC) and Youth Service, Inc (YSI). Leveraging 120 years of combined service experience, it is HopePHL's mission to inspire



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Philadelphia's children, youth, families and communities to thrive by providing housing, advocacy, and trauma-responsive social services designed to promote equity, resilience, autonomy, and well-being. HopePHL helps over 25,000 community members and residents annually to reach their goals of safe homes, economically secure and healthy families, and thriving businesses. People with Hope, thrive.