



Seattle



ARTS IN PARKS



Community Events
and Public Art

May through
November 2019



THE ARTS IN PARKS PROGRAM

supports new and established community festivals, art happenings, and music concerts that enliven Seattle parks by promoting arts and culture, celebrating diversity, building community connections, and energizing parks while connecting with underserved communities.

“ The Arts in Parks program brings our parks to life with an array of local art pieces, performances, and cultural events that celebrate Seattle’s diverse communities. This program is presented in partnership with the Office of Arts & Culture and is a wonderful example of how we collaborate to bring new and innovative opportunities to serve all Seattle residents. Arts in Parks activities are free and open to all, and offer a fun and unique way to explore the city’s parks. I hope everyone has the chance to get out this summer and experience this program and the incredible art and beautiful open spaces our city has to offer! ”

**Jesús Aguirre, Superintendent,
Seattle Parks and Recreation**

“ Our parks, our people, and our art are what make Seattle the vibrant city that we are today. I’m proud to be part of a city that invests not only in our public space, but in our public. Please come and enjoy all Art in Parks has to offer. ”

**Randy Engstrom, Director,
Office of Arts & Culture**

Applications for funding 2020 activities open in mid-August 2019. Visit seattle.gov/arts/programs/grants/arts-in-parks-program for more information.

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EVENTS

SANCA CIRCUS PARTY IN THE PARK

May 15, Wednesday, 5–8 p.m.

Georgetown Playfield

Teens from the SANCA Social Circus program will celebrate the culmination of their session by hosting a community circus party. Guests will enjoy performances by the teens and other artists, play carnival-style circus games, and work with SANCA coaches to cross the tightwire. This event is open to all ages to try circus arts in the park.

sancaseattle.org

Contact: Manjit Golden,
outreach@sancaseattle.org

SOAP STONE CARVING FOR YOUTH

**May 18 and 19, Saturday
and Sunday, 10–11:30
a.m. and 1–2:30 p.m.**

Kubota Garden Terrace Overlook

Instructors from the Northwest Stone Sculptors Association will use soapstone carving kits to teach children ages 8–18 how to carve small animal shapes. The purpose is to give children the experience of stone carving on a small scale and engender an appreciation for the many stone features in the garden.

Please pre-register at
<https://kgfstonecarv.bpt.me>.

Contact: Ellen Phillips-Angeles,
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ERITREA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

May 25, Saturday, noon–8 p.m.

Seward Park Amphitheater

Eritrea's Independence Day is a point of pride in Eritrean culture, resonating across generations. Second- and third-generation American children of Eritrean descent are inspired to embrace and share their culture with their communities in the United States through dance, poetry, and other artistic expressions. All friends of the Eritrean community are invited to celebrate with us.

eritreanassociation.org

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JOE BRAZIL LEGACY: BLACK MUSIC HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION 2019

June 22, Saturday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park

June is National Black Music History Month. Through music and the arts, Joe Brazil Legacy will entertain and edify the community about Seattle's Black community leader and world-renowned musician Joe Brazil.

The musicians, many of his former students from the University of Washington and the Black Academy of Music, will celebrate, share, and honor the legacy with music, dancing, and entertainment.

facebook.com/events/827919004214063

Contact: Tana Yasu, joebrazillegacy@gmail.com



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Guelaguetza, 2017



AFRICAN ARTS ALLIANCE: ARTS RESOURCE FAIR

June 30, Sunday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

Othello Playground

Join us for a day of networking and sharing resources with 30 local agencies, businesses, and artists. This event will feature live performances from East, West, and South Africa, along with DJs, visual and literary artists, and food trucks. In the evening, stop by for hip-hop and drum classes.

kouyatearts.com

Contact: Afua Kouyate, afua@kouyatearts.com

GUELAGUETZA 2019

June 30, Sunday, noon–4 p.m.

Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park

Come join the Grupo Cultural Oaxaqueño and La Banda Gozona for the Guelaguetza 2019, a celebration of Oaxacan culture, history, music, and dances of all the regions of Oaxaca, Mexico. The event will be held in Spanish and English. This family-friendly event will make attendees feel as if they have been transported to Oaxaca.

facebook.com/guelaguetzaenseattle

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CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

July 20, Saturday, 7–10 p.m.

Columbia Park

Cinema Under the Stars kicks off with *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*.

The film starts at sunset. Bring a picnic, low-back chairs, and blankets to spread out for a fun cinema experience under the stars. Also taking place on August 17.

rainierartscenter.org

facebook.com/rainierartscenter

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THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

July 21, Sunday at 6 p.m.

Roxhill Park

Part compelling story, part critical observation of the social scene.

This curious and complex play is performed by the nationally awarded Young Shakespeare Workshop's Revolving Company. Bring a picnic and dine with the Doge, no gondola required! Also taking place on August 10 and 11.

youngshakespeare.org

Contact: Darren Lay,

youngshakespeareworkshop@yahoo.com



AFRICAN VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

July 22–26, Monday–Friday, 5–8 p.m.

Pratt Park

All ages are welcome to join in for traditional African dancing, singing, drumming, masks, and arts and crafts. Explore traditional African foods, cloth, artwork design, and how the entire experience relates to current societal culture that links all of us in America to Africa.

facebook.com/events/1006392959458944

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FINDING YOUR BOUNCE

July 27, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.–noon

Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park

Come join young teens in Coyote Central's Hit the Streets program as they express through original art and movement how they find resilience in the face of obstacles. An installation of artwork made by 12 young visual artists will be a backdrop to an original theater piece written and choreographed by 12 young performers. Following the performance, the young artists will share their process and insights in a conversation with the community.

coyotecentral.org/hitthestreets

facebook.com/coyotecentral

Contact: Jess Schwab, info@coyotecentral.org

MUDDY LOTUS ARTS FESTIVAL

July 27, Saturday, 1–8 p.m.

Pritchard Island Beach

A celebration of health and harmony in the South End! Join us for fun, food, music, and many free workshops including yoga, meditation, painting, clay hand-building, and more. This event is for all ages.

facebook.com/muddylotusfestival

Contact: Rome Esmaili,
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CARIBBEAN SEA FEST

July 28, Sunday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Jimi Hendrix Park

The Caribbean Sea Fest brings together the culturally and linguistically diverse members of the Caribbean community in the Pacific Northwest along with people interested in learning about and experiencing Caribbean culture. The theme for this year's festival is Solar Energy Powers Our Culture and Our Future. Community members are encouraged to connect with the natural environment. This is a family-oriented event; children are most welcome.

caribbeanseafest.net

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OPENING OF CENTRAL

August 9, Friday, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park

Celebrate the opening of Erin Shigaki's CENTRAL, oversized wheatpaste murals depicting community members past and present. Walk among these images to learn, preserve, and reclaim stories of Duwamish, Japanese American, and African American communities who were once the main occupants of this neighborhood. (See Public Art Installations for artwork details.)

purplegatedesign.com

instagram.com/purplegatedesign

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THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

August 10, Saturday at 6 p.m.

Pritchard Island Beach

See July 21 listing for details.





OTHELLO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

August 11, Sunday, noon–6 p.m.

Othello Playground

Seattle's Othello neighborhood is one of the world's most culturally diverse neighborhoods. The annual Othello International Festival displays the music, art, and dance of the Rainier Valley's rich cultural heritage. Check out the performing arts stage, dozens of booths, art creation stations where artists will help you create, bouncy houses, playgrounds, Othello's signature petting zoo with a live camel, and much more.

othellopark.org

facebook.com/othelloparkalliance

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THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

August 11, Sunday at 6 p.m.

Pritchard Island Beach

See July 21 listing for details.

ANiMA FEST

August 17, Saturday, 5:30–9:30 p.m.

Pritchard Island Beach

ANiMA Fest is a multimedia arts festival presenting artists from across the Asian diaspora. The festival will include live music and dance, with a featured performance of projected animation and shadow dancing on an interactive altar. A night market will showcase local Asian designers, visual artists and immersive installations. Join us for a celebration of ancestry, contemporary interpretations of cultural traditions, and community belonging.

misstangq.com/animafest2019

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CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

August 17, Saturday, 7–10 p.m.

Columbia Park

The film for this event will be determined by community poll.

See July 20 listing for details.

FESTIVAL CENTROAMERICANO

August 18, Sunday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Westcrest Park

Festival Centroamericano unites Central American communities and celebrates their contributions to Seattle. Our mission is to strengthen the voices of immigrant and refugee Central Americans by reclaiming and affirming cultural and linguistic identities. Through Festival Centroamericano, we will embrace our diverse heritage, educate youth and the public, and showcase the art, music, dance, and food of various cultures within the seven Central American countries.

festivalcentroamericano.org

SABAR IN THE PARK 2019

August 24, Saturday, 1–7 p.m.

Westcrest Park

Community participants will experience an all-inclusive, unique arts festival featuring traditional Senegambian West African music played by world-renowned master artists. Sabar in the Park includes dance, drum classes, and storytelling. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity!

thefeminineessence.com

BIKE-IN MOVIE AND ART IN THE PARK

August 29, Thursday, 6–10 p.m.

Pratt Park

Bike Works is holding an event for youth and families, designed to bring the community together to enjoy cultural entertainment while promoting healthy activity and community connection. The event will include music and art activities before the film.

bikeworks.org/calendar

facebook.com/events/1335851236539876

Contact: Deb Salls, info@bikeworks.org

SISTAS ROCK THE ARTS IN THE PARK

August 31, Saturday, 3–7 p.m.

Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park

The Sistas Rock the Arts collective is coming to Lavizzo Park to showcase our talented and fabulous local artists. Come out for an evening full of music, spoken word, dance, and a variety of art.

facebook.com/sistasrockthearts

Contact: Nichelle Alderson and La Tanya

Horace, sistasrockthearts@gmail.com

SABAR IN THE PARK 2019

September 7, Saturday, 1–7 p.m.

Westcrest Park

See August 24 listing for details.

ROXHILL PARK WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL

September 8, Sunday, 2–7 p.m.

Roxhill Park

Join the Roxhill Park community in celebration of its diversity! Enjoy the sounds of musicians sharing their music and music-based traditions.

roxhillpark.org

Contact: Roxhill Park Champions,

info@roxhillpark.org

SOCIAL CIRCUS BOUNCE BACK TO SCHOOL

September 21, Saturday, 3–6 p.m.

Othello Playground

Teens from the SANCA Social Circus program will host a community circus party to kick off the new school year. Guests will enjoy performances by SANCA students and other artists, play carnival-style circus games, and work with SANCA coaches to cross the tightwire. This event is free and for all ages to try circus arts in the park.

sancaseattle.org

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Othello International Festival, 2016



SERIES

RAINIER AVENUE RADIO CULTURAL DANCE SERIES

May 10, 17, 24, and 31

Fridays, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Pritchard Island Beach

Join RainierAvenueRadio.World's Cultural Dance Series in Rainier Beach. Each Friday for four weeks, dancers of all ages are invited to come learn dance styles rooted in traditional ethnic cultures such as East African, Vietnamese, Laotian, Cuban, Brazilian, and African American. Each dance session will include historic storytelling of the dance's origins with related music, food, and more.

rainieravenueradio.world

facebook.com/events/1230100383831217

Contact: Karen Zammit,
rainieravenueradio.world@gmail.com

THIRST

Fridays, 5–10 p.m.

THIRST is a 15-week event series in its third year in Seattle parks. Every Friday starting May 31, queer femme DJs will cut it up at different parks. THIRST is all about visibility, accessibility, and centering the artists who have to work the hardest.

Contact: Joy Ma, thirstbyplaythey@gmail.com

Cal Anderson Park

May 31 • June 7, June 14

July 5, July 12 • August 2, August 9

September 6

Judkins Park

June 21, June 28 • July 19

Powell Barnett Park

July 26 • August 16,

August 23, August 30

MUSIC IN THE MINI PARK

June 12–August 14

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Lake City Mini Park

The annual Music in the Mini Park is a series of 10 music and dance performances expressing cultural traditions and local music.

enjoylakecity.org

Contact: Chris Leverson,
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ARTS FOR ALL WORKSHOPS

June 26–July 31

Mondays, Wednesdays, and
Fridays, 12:30–2 p.m.

Albert Davis Park

Join us for free intergenerational arts workshops this summer in Lake City! Arts for All Workshops are open to the public on a drop-in basis.

The workshops will allow you to experience different art forms under the guidance of Silver Kite's teaching artists. Please check our website for a detailed schedule of workshop titles.

silverkite.us/upcoming-events

Contact: Jen Kulik, info@silverkite.us

PERCUSSION IN THE PARK

June 30–July 21

Sundays, 2–5 p.m.

Pratt Park

Feel the beat. Play the beat. Move your feet! Drumming and dance workshops offer the community the opportunity to hear, learn, play, dance, and bring Pratt Park alive with West African percussion rhythms, led by Thione Diop. Participants will learn powerful rhythms on Djembe, Sabar, or Senegalese talking drums and dances that match the rhythms. Instructors representing the African diaspora will lead joyful and energetic one-hour dance classes following each drumming workshop.

thionediop.com

Contact: Thione Diop,
thionediopmusic@gmail.com

TAP INTO YOUR INNER BEAT

July 9–August 1

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and
Thursdays, noon–4 p.m.

Beer Sheva Park

Discover artistic freedom through storytelling, dance, and drumming. Tap into your inner beat as we explore rhythms and beats of African, hip-hop, and contemporary dance, including conversations that explore and define the historical and social impact of dance.

nwtapconnection.org

Contact: Melba Mitchell-Ayco, nwtapc@yahoo.com

JUST FOR KIDS!

PARK IN THE HEART

May 25–June 29

Saturdays, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

July 5–July 26 (excluding July 12)

Fridays, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Ballard Commons Park

Come to Park in the Heart, where there is always something fun to do and learn. Join us for free art lessons, learn new skills, and create fun projects to take home.

blancasantander.com

facebook.com/blancasantanderart

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blanca@blancasantander.com

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

August 4, Sunday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

Powell Barnett Park

The Back to School Eritrean Youth and Family Picnic will be a day full of field games, cultural dancing, youth sports, educational resources, and fun for the entire family. This event is to bring youth and families together for family engagement and school readiness.

ericcommunity.org

Contact: The Eritrean Community Center,
ericcommunitycenter@gmail.com

INSPIRED CHILD PRESENTS LOVE, POWER & PURPOSE

Explore the power of our words and movements through spoken word, dance, art, and activism. This program is a four-week intensive workshop at Judkins Park comprising dance and poetry workshops and art projects. It will culminate in a finale performance and the self-publishing of Volume 4 of the Love, Power & Purpose Chapbook featuring participant poetry. All ages are welcome at our four open mics. Preference will be given to performers age 12 and younger. Family performances are encouraged!

inspiredchild.org

facebook.com/inspiredchildcommunity

Contact: Monique Franklin,

inspiredchildcommunity@gmail.com

Spoken Word, Tap Dance, Art, and Activism Workshops:

Judkins Park

July 9–August 1

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2–5 p.m.

Open Mics:

Flo Ware Park

July 6, Saturday, 3–5 p.m.

Pratt Park

July 13, Saturday, 3–5 p.m.

Powell Barnett Park

July 20, Saturday, 3–5 p.m.

Judkins Park

July 27, Saturday, 3–5 p.m.



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PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS

POWER OF ART LOVE MUSIC May 24–June 22

Duwamish Waterway Park

This project shows the power of art, economics, and the environment in the community. Love and music play an important part in diverse and ethnic cultural, religious, and social activity. They contribute to the community's way of life.

Artist: Gwen Jones
power.of.art.love.music@gmail.com

BRING BACK THE SALMON June 21–November 19

Alki Beach Park near the Bathhouse

We honor our relatives the salmon and recognize that it is past time we help them return in abundance to these waters. This work is presented as a rain-activated ground mural.

Artists: Ezra Dickinson and Nahaan baldieoner@hotmail.com

ABOVE WATER July 21–August 30 Judkins Park

Apple snails are large freshwater snails that can be found throughout the world. To protect their eggs against underwater prey, several types of apple snails deposit their eggs above the waterline of ponds, swamps, and rivers they inhabit. Kalina Chung challenges you to look above your own footpath to find them all.

Artist: Kalina Chung
kalinachung.com
kalinachung@gmail.com

QUETZALCOATL August 3–August 24 Albert Davis Park

Quetzalcoatl, also known as the Feathered Serpent, is the Aztec god of creation and the patron god of learning and knowledge. Wood feathers painted by community members form the ornamental exterior of a large sculpture of Quetzalcoatl. Each feather will reflect its painter's own culture and experience, and together form a whole. In this way we will learn about each other and share in a unified vision of community.

Artist: Angie Hinojos Yusuf
angieyusuf@yahoo.com



**WINDOWS TO THE LIFE
OF AL LARKINS**

August 3–November 7

Alvin Larkins Park

This installation depicts Al Larkins' life and activities in the community.

Artist: Esther Ervin

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CENTRAL

August 6–September 29

Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park

Erin Shigaki along with photographer Tamar S. Manuel will enhance concrete surfaces with oversized wheatpaste murals depicting community members past and present. Walk among these images to learn, preserve, and reclaim stories of Duwamish, Japanese American, and African American communities who were once the main occupants of this neighborhood. (See Events for August 9 event details.)

Artists: Erin Shigaki and Tamar S. Manuel

[purplegatedesign.com](https://www.purplegatedesign.com)

[instagram.com/purplegatedesign](https://www.instagram.com/purplegatedesign)

erin@purplegatedesign.com

WELCOME IMMIGRANTS

September 1–October 31

University Playground

You are welcome here. No matter your origin, artist Elise Koncsek wants you to feel at home in Seattle. Welcome Immigrants is a bi-directional poem, translated into several languages, created to strengthen community across diversity.

Artist: Elise Koncsek

sunbirdartworks@gmail.com



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PARK LOCATOR MAP

SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION

NORTHEAST

NORTHWEST

CENTRAL

SOUTHEAST

SOUTHWEST

- 1 **Albert Davis Park** - 12526 27th Ave. NE, 98125
- 2 **Alki Beach Park** - 1702 Alki Ave. SW, 98116
- 3 **Alvin Larkins Park** - 1504 34th Ave., 98122
- 4 **Ballard Commons Park** - 5701 22nd Ave. NW, 98107
- 5 **Beer Sheva Park** - 8650 55th Ave. S, 98118
- 6 **Cal Anderson Park** - 1635 11th Ave., 98122
- 7 **Columbia Park** - 4721 Rainier Ave. S, 98118
- 8 **Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park** - 2100 S Jackson St., 98144
- 9 **Duwamish Waterway Park** - 7900 10th Ave. S, 98108
- 10 **Flo Ware Park** - 2800 S Jackson St., 98144
- 11 **Georgetown Playfield** - 750 S Homer St., 98108
- 12 **Jimi Hendrix Park** - 2400 S Massachusetts St., 98144
- 13 **Judkins Park and Playfield** - 2150 S Norman St., 98144
- 14 **Kubota Garden** - 9817 55th Ave. S, 98178
- 15 **Lake City Mini Park** - 12359 Lake City Way NE, 98125
- 16 **Othello Playground** - 4351 S Othello St., 98118
- 17 **Powell Barnett Park** - 352 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, 98122
- 18 **Pratt Park** - 1800 S Main St., 98144
- 19 **Pritchard Island Beach** - 8400 55th Ave. S, 98118
- 20 **Roxhill Park** - 2850 SW Roxbury St., 98126
- 21 **Seward Park** - 5900 Lake Washington Blvd. S, 98118
- 22 **University Playground** - 4745 9th Ave. NE, 98105
- 23 **Westcrest Park** - 9000 8th Ave. SW, 98106



Since 2016, Arts in Parks has funded over 2000 hours of free public programming and 29 temporary art installations in 65 neighborhood parks throughout Seattle. For more information on the Arts in Parks program, visit seattle.gov/arts/programs/grants/arts-in-parks-program. To learn more about the Seattle Park District that makes Arts in Parks possible, go to seattle.gov/seattle-park-district. Applications for funding 2020 activities open in mid-August 2019.