

A Four-Star Summer



Left: Septeto Santiaguero bring their Latin Grammy Award-winning sound July 27.

WHEN YOU WANT TO SIT OUTSIDE AND ENJOY the weather but you'd also like to take in a great concert, at NJPAC in the summers, you don't have to choose. Outdoor Chambers Plaza is the site of the crowd-beckoning Horizon Foundation Sounds of the City concerts. The eight-concert series, which takes place on Thursday evenings in July and August, dates back to the very opening of the NJPAC Arts Center and has always been free to the public.

The kick-off for Horizon Foundation Sounds of the City is the moment DJ Felix Hernandez opens the mic for the Rhythm Revue Dance Party. Hernandez is the host of the Rhythm Review radio show, a weekly R&B and classic soul showcase heard for more than 30 years on nearby WBGO Jazz 88.3 FM and other New York radio stations. This year, he'll start the party on July 6, spinning old school, up-on-your-feet R&B that appeals to fans of all ages.

Classic R&B is not the only reason to come out on Thursday evenings. Horizon Foundation Sounds of the City diversifies their offerings with rock, pop, Hip-Hop, Latin music and jazz. Why not arrive at 5PM to browse the food trucks and sip a brew at the outdoor tiki bar? Be sure to bring your lawn chairs!

Horizon Foundation Sounds of the City, outdoors at NJPAC's Chambers Plaza, One Center St., Thursdays in July and August, 5-9 PM. Free admission. No coolers, pets, backpacks, packages or filming. Weather updates at NJPAC.org.



Vocalist and trumpet player Louis Prima, Jr continues his father's legacy August 10.

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Left: Das EFX will appear with Black Sheep on August 17. Opposite right: The R&B, Jazz/Funk music of Tower of Power will shake the stage August 3.



NJPAC SOUNDS OF THE CITY CALENDAR

- JULY 6**
Felix Hernandez's "Rhythm Revue Dance Party"
- JULY 13**
Jon B.
- JULY 20**
Kurtis Blow and Universal Hip-Hop Museum
- JULY 27**
Septeto Santiaguero
- AUGUST 3**
Tower of Power with special guest Michael Colton
- AUGUST 10**
Louis Prima, Jr. & The Witnesses
- AUGUST 17**
Black Sheep and Das EFX
- AUGUST 24**
Talib Kweli

Right: Talib Kweli will be at NJPac August 24.

