

STERN GROVE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2022 DATES

ONE OF AMERICA'S OLDEST MUSIC FESTIVALS KICKS OFF 85TH SUMMER CONCERT SEASON ON JUNE 12

-- Full Music Lineup Dropping May 3 via <u>SternGrove.org</u> --

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (April 5, 2022) — Stern Grove Festival, the longest-running outdoor music festival in the San Francisco Bay Area, is excited to announce that the admission-free weekend concert series will make a triumphant return to Sigmund Stern Grove for its 85th season beginning June 12.

Following last year's Festival, which marked one of the first major events in the SF Bay Area post-pandemic, the multi-genre outdoor music festival will once again be home to weekly performances from some of today's most sought-after acts, in addition to local established and up-and-coming performers throughout the summer season.

This year's campaign will also mark a welcomed revival of the Festival's home at Sigmund Stern Grove, a historic park and concert meadow located at 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard in the city's Sunset District that for decades has offered an unparalleled outdoor setting for music lovers of all ages. Although the Grove experienced extensive damage last fall due to a major water main rupture and while all renovations are not yet complete, the site has now been approved for in-person audiences again this summer.

Beginning June 12 through August 14, fans of all ages will be treated to musical programming as eclectic and diverse as the city Stern Grove Festival calls home with ten consecutive Sunday afternoon concerts. The 2022 Festival calendar is listed below:

- June 12
- June 19
- June 26
- July 3
- July 10
- July 17
- July 24
- July 31
- August 7
- August 14 The Big Picnic

"We are thrilled to be able to present our 85th season this summer, especially after overcoming another set of challenges with the aftermath of the flood last summer. Bringing live music back to the Grove provides our community the opportunity to gather and enjoy our free concerts, and we are grateful to be able to fulfill our mission to do just that," said Executive Director Bob Fiedler.

Although admission to each concert will continue to remain free to the public, the Festival will welcome the return of its popular online ticket reservation system. Twelve days prior to each event, an online portal will be opened through www.sterngrove.org to offer free passes on a first-come, first-served basis.

In order to reach as many music fans as possible, especially those unable to attend in-person, Stern Grove Festival will also be livestreaming performances throughout the season. Stay tuned for more details surrounding the virtual livestream experience, which will kick off in conjunction with each Sunday concert starting at 2:00 p.m. PT.

Stern Grove Festival would like to thank the 2022 sponsors for their support, including San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department, Lisa & Douglas Goldman Fund, Grants for the Arts, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, Waymo, Bloomberg, John & Marcia Goldman Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, National Endowment for the Arts, The Bernard Osher Foundation, William G. Gilmore Foundation, Xfinity, The Fairmont Hotel, Mixhalo, and Sound on Stage. Local media partners also include KPIX-TV, SF Media Co., and SFMTA.

Stay tuned as more information surrounding the 2022 season will be announced soon, including the music lineup reveal scheduled for Tuesday, May 3.

Learn more at <u>www.sterngrove.org</u>, while following along on social media including on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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ABOUT STERN GROVE FESTIVAL:

Stern Grove Festival is a beloved annual San Francisco summer tradition spanning 85 years and counting. Each summer, the Festival presents 10 free concerts featuring a curated mix of popular headliners, Rock & Roll Hall of Famers, Grammy Award-winners, and rising new stars. Past Festival performers include Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, Thundercat, Fitz & The Tantrums, The Isley Brothers, Smokey Robinson, Kool & the Gang, Janelle Monáe, Toots & the Maytals, Mavis Staples, The Psychedelic Furs, Mitski, Pink Martini, Ziggy Marley, Ozomatli, Digable Planets, Carlos Santana, Sheila E., and many more!

Stern Grove Festival also presents over 20 admission-free arts education programs for youth and young adults in San Francisco each year, fulfilling its mission to make live musical experiences accessible to all.

Learn more by visiting www.sterngrove.org.

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