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## Let Our Spirits Soar! Hundreds of Drones and 65-Foot-Tall Ferris Wheel to Make a Comeback for the Largest Free Fourth of July Celebration on the West Coast

**'Gloria Molina Grand Park's 4th of July Block Party' Will Be Packed with Fun for the Whole Family with Two Stages of Entertainment Featuring East L.A.'s Psychedelic Cumbia Band Tropa Mágica and Mexico's Grupo Soñador; Live DJ Sets by Nu-Mark, Jeremy Sole and Francesca Harding; Ferris Wheel and 75-Foot 'Super Slide'**

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**LOS ANGELES (May 29, 2024)** - The sky's the limit again for *Gloria Molina Grand Park's 4th of July Block Party*! With a spectacular 3-D drone show buzzing above the massive crowd for the second consecutive year, plus the return of a towering 65-foot-tall Ferris wheel, Gloria Molina Grand Park will bring Angelenos' experiences to new heights as L.A. County celebrates its diverse tapestry of communities and commemorates the birth of the United States.

The excitement begins when doors open to the public at 4:00 p.m. and peaks when 800 remote-controlled drones fly above The Music Center, located directly across the street from the park, to form larger-than-life 3-D configurations. Programmed by Grizzly Entertainment, the dynamic 12-minute drone show will depict aerial images that uniquely represent L.A., orchestrated to a special playlist curated by renowned DJ and music producer Captain Planet.

"As the largest gathering of its kind on the West Coast, *Gloria Molina Grand Park's 4th of July Block Party* will be a celebration of community and resilience shared among Angelenos seeking to build connections and mutual support," said Rachel S. Moore, president and CEO of The Music Center. "We welcome everyone to join us at the 'park for everyone,' where they can be themselves, connect with and strengthen each other, and participate in sheer fun amid an emotionally heightened time. The thrill of watching drones light up the night sky, enjoying the view of Downtown L.A.'s skyline from a giant Ferris wheel and expressing our joy through music and dance offer the uplift we need right now."

L.A.'s ultimate July 4th neighborhood party will be spread across the six city blocks that comprise Gloria Molina Grand Park and its surrounding streets. Attendees are welcome to bring a picnic or enjoy a variety of delectable food and snack options for purchase from L.A.'s favorite gourmet food trucks, including tacos, barbecue, burgers, vegan, desserts and more. Alcohol is not permitted in the park and will not be sold at the event. For a complete list of Gloria Molina Grand Park's prohibited items and activities, visit [grandparkla.org](http://grandparkla.org).

The nearly six-hour festivity geared for the whole family--and their four-legged friends on leashes--includes music performances on two stages showcasing L.A.'s global and diverse sounds. Local radio personality Carolina Márquez will host the Backyard Stage (the park's Event Lawn next to City Hall, between Broadway and Spring Street), which includes a stellar lineup of local and international performers: L.A.-based six-piece band, Healing Gems, with its genre-bending blend of exotica, international jazz and cinematic sounds; Afro-Cuban choreographer Kati Hernandez and her dance company, KimBambula Cuban Dance & Music Ensemble; East L.A.'s homegrown grunge-and-cumbia band Tropa Mágica; and Mexican cumbia band Grupo Soñador. DJ Captain Planet will rev up the audience with thumping beats in between the performances.

Singer/songwriter Banga Brownin will host and DJ the opening set at the Front Yard Stage (the park's Performance Lawn between Grand Avenue and Hill Street), featuring some of L.A.'s legendary DJs--Jeremy Sole, Francesca Harding and Nu-Mark--who will keep the crowd jumping all night long.

As an added attraction to *Gloria Molina Grand Park's 4th of July Block Party* celebration, the park will welcome the highly anticipated return of a 65-foot-tall Ferris wheel, thrilling partygoers of all ages high above DTLA's green oasis. In addition, the park will introduce a new amusement ride in the form of a giant 75-foot-long fiberglass "Super Slide" designed for three riders at a time side-by-side. The family-friendly "Rec Zone" also will feature arts and crafts activities, games, Soundbox DJ truck with DJ Potira and more provided by community partners PlayLA, LA vs Hate, The Artsy Wagon and CleanLA.

Guests may enter the event through three specially marked park entrances:

- Grand Avenue and 1st Street
- Hill and Temple Streets
- Hill and 2nd Streets

"Gloria Molina Grand Park continues to reimagine how we celebrate all communities on the Fourth of July. We are thrilled to present another innovative and eco-friendly drone show that will inspire Angelenos as they look up at the sky in unison as well as discover their inner joy when reaching new heights on the Ferris wheel or zooming down a giant slide," said Gloria Molina Grand Park Director Robert Gonzalez. "This year, *Gloria Molina Grand Park's 4th of July Block Party* will celebrate the progress made in our ongoing struggles for inclusivity, equity and belonging. We are dedicated to creating not only the 'park for everyone' but a county, a country and a world for everyone."

### ***Gloria Molina Grand Park's 4th of July Block Party 2024 Line Up\****

THE BACKYARD STAGE (Block 4 - Gloria Molina Grand Park's Event Lawn next to City Hall, between Broadway and Spring Street)

- Carolina Márquez (Host)
- Healing Gems
- Tropa Mágica
- KimBambula Cuban Dance & Music Ensemble
- DJ Captain Planet
- Grupo Soñador (Headliner)

THE FRONT YARD STAGE (Block 2 - Gloria Molina Grand Park's Performance Lawn between Grand Avenue and Hill Street)

- Banga Brownin (Host & DJ)
- DJ Jeremy Sole
- DJ Francesca Harding
- DJ Nu-Mark (Headliner)

\* All artists and set times subject to change.

Public parking will be available at the main Music Center garage (135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012) and in The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall garage (111 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012) at a flat rate of \$10 per vehicle. Given the large number of guests expected at the event, members of the public are highly encouraged to take public transportation. Gloria Molina Grand Park is located conveniently at the Civic Center/Grand Park station along the Metro B Line (Red) and D Line (Purple). Additionally, the park is easily accessible by taking Metro's brand new Regional Connector to the Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill, Historic Broadway and Little Tokyo/Arts District stops along the Metro A Line (Blue) and E Line (Expo).

For the latest information, visit [grandparkla.org](http://grandparkla.org) and follow Gloria Molina Grand Park on social media (Facebook: @GrandParkLosAngeles; X, Instagram and TikTok: @GrandPark\_LA).

## **CALENDAR LISTING**

### **WHAT:**

#### ***Gloria Molina Grand Park's 4th of July Block Party***

The West Coast's largest free Fourth of July celebration reaches new heights! A 65-foot-tall Ferris wheel returns to the park after five years, and an incredible drone show--not fireworks--will light up the night sky for the second consecutive year. The dynamic, pet-friendly 12-minute drone show will fly above The Music Center, across the street from the park, and be orchestrated to a specially curated playlist. Mexican cumbia band Grupo Soñador and DJ Nu-Mark are this year's headliners. Food trucks, a Snack Alley, a 75-foot-long fiberglass "Super Slide" and more will be available for everyone of all ages to enjoy.

**WHEN:**

Thursday, July 4, 2024

4:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Gates open: 4:00 p.m.

Drone show: 9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Gloria Molina Grand Park

200 N. Grand Ave.

Los Angeles 90012

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**TRANSPORTATION:**

Public parking will be available at two locations for \$10 per vehicle:

The Music Center garage

135 N. Grand Ave.

Los Angeles 90012

Walt Disney Concert Hall garage

111 S. Grand Ave.

Los Angeles 90012

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**ABOUT GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK**

A vibrant outdoor gathering place, Gloria Molina Grand Park is a beautiful public park for the entire community in Los Angeles County. With expansive green space for gatherings large and small, Gloria Molina Grand Park celebrates the county's cultural vitality and is host to community events, cultural experiences, holiday celebrations and many other activities that engage and attract visitors from all communities. The 12-acre Gloria Molina Grand Park, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2022, stretches from The Music Center on the west to City Hall on the east and is easily accessible by Metro via the B/D (formerly Red/Purple) line to the Civic Center/Grand Park station. The park was named one of American Planning Association's 10 "Great Public Spaces" in the U.S. for 2013. Working closely with the county, The Music Center is responsible for all operations and programming for the park. For more information, visit [grandparkla.org](https://grandparkla.org). Follow Gloria Molina Grand Park on Instagram, X, Twitch, TikTok, Spotify and Mixcloud (@grandpark\_la) as well as YouTube and Facebook (@grandparkLosAngeles).

**ABOUT THE MUSIC CENTER**

The Music Center convenes artists, communities and ideas with the goal of deepening the cultural lives of every resident in Los Angeles County. Celebrating its 60th year in 2024, the \$70 million non-profit performing arts organization has two divisions: TMC Arts and TMC Ops. TMC Arts, The Music Center's programming engine, provides year-round programming inside The Music Center's four theatres, on Jerry Moss Plaza, outside at Gloria Molina Grand Park--a 12-acre adjacent green space--in schools and other locations all over Los Angeles County. TMC Arts presents world-class dance with *Glorya Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center*, free and low-cost public concerts and events, as well as live and digital K-12 arts education programs, workshops, performances, interactive experiences and special events. TMC Ops manages the theatres, the Plaza and Gloria Molina Grand Park, which comprise \$2 billion in county assets, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. The Music Center is also home to four renowned resident companies--Center Theatre Group, Los Angeles Master Chorale, LA Opera and LA Phil. For more information, visit

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