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HELLO, 2024: Announcing 'Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA' Celebration!

'Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA' Rings in 2024 with L.A.'s Salsa Funk Band La Verdad; Hip-Hop, Reggaeton, Cumbia Music Artist La Doña; Afrofusion Dance and Music by Extra Ancestral; Powerhouse Lineup of All-Female DJs; and Midnight Countdown Arts Show Projected on L.A.'s City Hall

West Coast's Largest Free New Year's Eve Celebration Also Features Amazing Art Installations, Games and Activities for the Whole Family and More

LOS ANGELES (November 16, 2023) -- Gloria Molina Grand Park today announced its action-packed plan to usher in 2024 with *Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA*, which this year includes a phenomenal roster of global music artists and performers and a superstar lineup of all-women DJs at the West Coast's largest free New Year's Eve celebration. From afrobeat and reggaeton to future bass and cumbia, nearly every music and dance genre will be brought to life on two stages at Gloria Molina Grand Park, powered by **The Music Center**, to bring thousands of revelers to their feet. The nearly five-hour festivity will reach a pinnacle with the park's signature countdown-to-midnight art show projected onto L.A.'s iconic City Hall.

"Thousands of Angelenos can attest that *Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA* is the ultimate New Year's party and L.A.'s go-to celebrations for the entire family to welcome the new year," said Rachel S. Moore, president and CEO of The Music Center. "This year's festivities showcase an impressive roster of homegrown and international performers, an historic lineup of all-women DJs as well as innovative games and activities for Angelenos and visitors of all ages. Together, let us bid a fond farewell to 2023 and look toward a brighter 2024!"

Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA will continue to highlight the park's yearlong programmatic theme, *Reflections*, that embodies the passion, resilience and connectedness of Angelenos.

"*Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA* celebration is coming back better than ever," said Gloria Molina Grand Park Director Robert Gonzalez. "The park team has been working diligently to bring the ultimate New Year's Eve experience that you will find only in Downtown L.A. It's going to be another unforgettable experience--hands down! I invite all Angelenos and visitors to join us at the *park for everyone* for an epic celebration that will certainly be one for the books."

With gates opening at 8:00 p.m., *Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA* will encompass the six city blocks that comprise the park. **The Countdown Stage**, hosted by **DJ Sizzle** in the park's Block 4 between Broadway and Spring Streets, will open with L.A.'s very own salsa funk, boogaloo and cumbia band **La Verdad** (with a special performance by salsa dancer **Stephanie "The Princess of Salsa" Stevenson**) followed by acclaimed music artist **La Doña** performing reggaeton fused with Latin folk, cumbia and hip-hop. The final act of the evening, L.A.-based music and dance ensemble **Extra Ancestral**, will command the stage and transport audiences with a dynamic performance combining afrobeat, jazz, reggaeton and African dance, only to be magnificently heightened by the park's signature countdown-to-midnight art spectacle projected on L.A.'s City Hall.

The **Get Down Stage**, located in the park's Block 2 between Grand Avenue and Hill Street, will be hosted by CALI 93.9's **Caro Marquez**. Latin Vinyl DJ **Linda Nuves** kicks off the grooves, followed by baile funk DJ duo **Mango & Ginger** and bhangra, afrobeats, reggaeton DJ **Bianca Maieli**. DJ **ERICALANDIA** brings revelers over the top by spinning the best electronic dance music and counting down to midnight.

Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA Line Up (All artists and set times subject to change.)

- **GET DOWN STAGE** (Performance Lawn between Grand Avenue and Hill Street) hosted by Caro Marquez

8:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.: Host Caro Marquez
 8:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.: Linda Nuves
 9:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.: Mango & Ginger
 10:15 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.: Bianca Maieli
 11:15 p.m. - 11:55 p.m.: ERICALANDIA
 11:55 p.m. - 12:05 a.m.: **Midnight Countdown Projection Art Show Spectacle!**
 12:05 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.: ERICALANDIA

- **COUNTDOWN STAGE** (Event Lawn next to City Hall, between Broadway and Spring Street) hosted by DJ Sizzle

8:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.: Host DJ Sizzle
 8:45 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.: La Verdad with Stephanie "The Princess of Salsa" Stevenson
 9:35 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.: DJ Sizzle
 10:00 p.m. - 10:50 p.m.: La Doña
 10:50 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.: DJ Sizzle
 11:15 p.m. - 11:55 p.m.: Extra Ancestral
 11:55 p.m. - 12:05 a.m.: **Midnight Countdown Projection Art Show Spectacle!**
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The dazzling projection mapping show on City Hall, which highlights L.A.'s beauty, diversity and culture, will be produced by **A3 Visual**.

As an added attraction for the whole family to enjoy at *Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA* celebration, the park will showcase bold, interactive and innovative art installations by **Cassandra Carrillo** and unique games and activities, featuring **PlayLA**, presented by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks.

The public is welcome to enjoy light bites and desserts for purchase from over 30 of L.A.'s favorite gourmet food trucks. **Please note that alcohol is not permitted and will not be sold at Gloria Molina Grand Park.** For a complete list of Gloria Molina Grand Park's prohibited items and activities, visit **nyela.grandparkla.org**.

Attendees may access Gloria Molina Grand Park's grounds through four specially marked entrances:

- Hill and 2nd Streets
- Hill and Temple Streets
- Main and 1st Streets
- Broadway and 2nd Street

Public parking will be available at the main Music Center garage (135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012) and in The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall garage (111 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 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 more information about *Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA*, visit **nyela.grandparkla.org** and follow Gloria Molina Grand Park on Instagram, X, Twitch, TikTok, Spotify and Mixcloud (@**grandpark_la**) as well as YouTube and Facebook (@**grandparkLosAngeles**).

CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT:

Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA

The West Coast's largest free New Year's Eve party bids *auld lang syne* to 2023! Featuring electrifying global music performances, an unrivaled lineup of all-female DJs, unique art installations and more, the public celebration for the entire family culminates with the park's signature countdown-to-midnight art show projected onto L.A.'s iconic City Hall.

WHEN:

Sunday, December 31, 2023 - Monday, January 1, 2024

8:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

WHERE:

Gloria Molina Grand Park

200 N. Grand Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

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TRANSPORTATION:

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Los Angeles, CA 90012	Los Angeles, CA 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. 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. 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 and on a digital platform called *The Music Center Offstage*. TMC Arts presents world-class dance with *Gloria 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 musiccenter.org. Follow The Music Center on social media @MusicCenterLA.

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