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Where L.A. Shows Up! Gloria Molina Grand Park's Summer Block Party Returns for the 13th Year with a Powerful Celebration of Everything That Makes L.A. Unique, Beautiful and Strong

Saturday, July 4, 2026
4:00 – 9:30 p.m.

A Dynamic Day of Voice, Community and Expression at the West Coast's Largest Free 4th of July Celebration Featuring an Iconic Drone Show, Interactive Art, Live Music from Acclaimed Trumpet Player Tatiana Tate and Afro-Latin Band L.A. Tropifunk Collective, Dance Performances by Kaimera, and Epic DJ Sets from Anthony Valadez and Pangea Sound



Gloria Molina Grand Park invites Angelenos and visitors of all ages this July 4th to experience the strength and solidarity that define L.A. at ***Gloria Molina Grand Park's Summer Block Party*** **on Saturday, July 4, from 4:00 - 9:30 p.m.** Taking place for the 13th consecutive year in the heart of Downtown L.A., **the free,** bold and high-energy gathering will transform "the park for everyone" into a vibrant platform for expression, creativity and civic connection packed with two stages of homegrown musical talent, interactive art exhibits, community organizations and more than two dozen food trucks to whet everyone's appetite. The West Coast's largest free 4th of July celebration will culminate with the park's signature drone show destined to dazzle and unite the massive crowd.

With the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence as a powerful backdrop, *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Summer Block Party* carries forward this milestone through the theme "Voice and Expression as Power." It's a reminder that America's story is one of origins, struggle and the ongoing work of collective change. Parkgoers will discover and appreciate what makes L.A. unique, beautiful and strong--thanks to the brave actions of individuals who shaped L.A.'s history and those who continue to advance L.A.'s values.

"*Gloria Molina Grand Park's Summer Block Party* is more than a holiday celebration. Through music, dance, food and art, we are creating a space to uplift our community. All Angelenos deserve to be seen, heard and valued, especially at a moment when so many are navigating uncertainty and change," said Gloria Molina Grand Park Director **Robert Gonzalez.** "For the 13th consecutive year on July 4, we invite everyone to show up and stand out with civic pride! Our summer block party will remind us that freedoms of expression--our voices and our stories--are the most powerful tools we have to impact change today and for future generations."

Music drives the energy of this year's block party, with a **dynamic lineup of artists and DJs** who reflect L.A.'s global rhythms and creative richness. **The Backyard Stage** (located directly in front of L.A. City Hall) spotlights bold local performers, including star trumpeter **Tatiana Tate, who went viral recently when she serenaded Dodgers player Edwin Diaz with a blaring and electrifying rendition of Diaz's iconic entrance song "Narco" when he made his debut on the mound; L.A. Tropifunk Collective, bringing its fiery Afro-Latin sounds--for one night only--with**

members of Jungle Fire and Ethiocali; and Kaimera whose contemporary dance works, blending cirque-like theater, street dance and cultural storytelling, will inspire audiences through movement and shared experience. Acclaimed L.A. DJ **Anthony Valadez** will host and keep the vibes going at The Backyard Stage.

At **The Front Yard Stage, b**etween **Olive Court and Hill Street**, the global sound DJ collective **Pangea Sound** will transform the park grounds into an open-air dance floor with a fusion of Caribbean, African and Latin American sounds that will pulsate with L.A.'s spirit and bring revelers to their feet all night long.

“As we celebrate a 'summer of dance' throughout The Music Center campus, the global rhythms at *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Summer Block Party* will bring Los Angeles to life," said **Rachel S. Moore**, president and CEO of **The Music Center**. “We uplift music and movement as acts of connection and civic expression to spark joy and to build bridges across L.A.'s diverse cultures and communities. Join us for a summer block party where everyone is invited to step in, speak out, move and be moved."

The centerpiece of this year's block party is interactive art with several participatory installations by L.A. artists. *The Latinx Freedom Movement Archive and Exhibition Project*, curated by **Consuelo G. Flores**, highlights the Latino community's pivotal contributions to the civil rights movement of the 1960s and '70s through photographs, archival materials and storytelling. The installation, which includes an audio tour mapped throughout the park, connects past struggles for civil rights with present-day conversations around identity, justice and belonging. Parkgoers can also experience *MURMURATIONS*, an AR experience created by **EyeJack** and **For Freedoms** in response to the Declaration of Independence's momentous anniversary. Using an app, this innovative project encourages participants to listen, reflect, and contribute their lived experiences as Angelenos and their hopes for L.A.'s future. Their stories, some of which will be recorded onsite at the park, is a shared call for care, belonging and the rights of families and communities to stay whole.

In partnership with **Statloba for Good**, *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Summer Block Party* also will feature a **Community Sports & Health Zone**, offering wellness resources and sports activations. Participating community organizations, to date, include: Arts for LA, CLEAN Carwash Worker Center, Creative Acts, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), DSTL Arts, Japanese American National Museum, *The LA Local*, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder and more.

The *Summer Block Party* shifts into high gear when Gloria Molina Grand Park's reimagined Fourth of July tradition--a drone show--takes flight above The Music Center, located directly across the street from the park. Programmed by **Grizzly Entertainment** for the fourth consecutive year, the awe-inspiring drone show will light up the night sky with 3-D configurations that will rev up Angelenos' spirits.

Partygoers may enter the event through four specially marked park entrances:

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

Gloria Molina Grand Park's Summer Block Party* 2026 Line Up

- **THE BACKYARD STAGE** (The park's Block 4, between Broadway and Spring Streets)
  Host & Live DJ Sets by **Anthony Valadez**
  Performers: **Tatiana Tate**, **L.A. Tropifunk Collective** and **Kaimera**
  More artists to be announced!

- **THE FRONT YARD STAGE** (The park's Block 2, between Grand Avenue and Hill Street)
  Host & Live DJ Sets by **Pangea Sound**

* ***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, the public is 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 Regional Connector to the Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill, Historic Broadway and Little Tokyo/Arts District stations along the Metro A Line (Blue) and E Line (Expo).

For the latest information, visit **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 Summer Block Party
Kick into high gear where L.A. shows up on the Fourth of July! Feel the rhythm with live music from Tatiana Tate, L.A. Tropifunk Collective and Kaimera, plus live DJ sets by Pangea Sound and Anthony Valadez. The West Coast's largest free 4th of July celebration will also be packed with food trucks, interactive art, community resources, a sports & health zone for the whole family, and a spectacular drone show finale that can't be missed. Pets on leashes are welcome!

WHEN:
Saturday, July 4, 2026
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

For a complete list of Gloria Molina Grand Park's prohibited items and activities, visit **grandparkla.org**

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

The Music Center garage	Walt Disney Concert Hall garage
135 N. Grand Ave.	111 S. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles 90012	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 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. 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

As L.A.'s performing arts 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 $80 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, 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 $3 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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