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UNION SQUARE PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES 2011 “SUMMER IN THE SQUARE” SCHEDULE

Free Entertainment for All Ages Every Thursday in Union Square Park

New York, NY (June 16, 2011) – Summer has officially arrived in Union Square Park with the return of *Summer in the Square*, the free, weekly entertainment series. Presented by the Union Square Partnership every Thursday from June 16 through August 11 beginning at 7 AM, the series will offer an electrifying blend of fitness classes, children’s programming, free music and theatrical performances.

“*Summer in the Square’s* continued tradition of offering lively programming in Union Square Park presents a perfect opportunity for New Yorkers of all ages to come together outdoors and enjoy the much anticipated warm weather,” said Jennifer Falk, Executive Director, Union Square Partnership. “Our lineup includes a variety of fitness programming, children’s activities and musical performances that draw more people each summer adding even vitality and positive energy to one of the most beloved open spaces in New York City.”

Fitness in the Square

Continuing on the success of last year’s fitness programming, a **running** class, Running 101 + More, will be held at 7:00 AM. Runners will meet at the George Washington statue in the park’s South Plaza for a jog through the district. The fitness schedule continues with open level **yoga** class at 8:00 AM. The classes will rejuvenate participants amidst the beauty of the park’s south end and will be led on a rotating basis by Union Square-based studios Ishta Yoga, Sankalpah Yoga, Yogamaya Yoga, The Shala Yoga, Laughing Lotus Yoga, Jivamukti, Prana Power Yoga, Yogaworks, and Sangha Yoga. And at 9:00 AM, check out **Cardio Boot Camp**, a full body aerobic workout. USP’s running and yoga classes are presented in partnership with lululemon athletica, all classes are accessible to all ages and abilities.

Kids in the Square

Children’s programming kicks off at 10:00 AM with USP’s **Mommy & Me Yoga** class, presented by Yoga Stars in the north end playground. The program is designed to help children ages 2 to 10 years old develop better body awareness, coordination, flexibility and self-confidence. Yoga introduces children to a physical activity that is noncompetitive, while instilling a sense of calmness and relaxation. The fun for kids continues at 12:00 PM back on the South Plaza, with music, dancing and puppeteers and more. Performances will feature popular kid-friendly acts such as **Baby Loves Disco, The Rockdoves, Little Groove, Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys, Jeremy Plays Guitar, Anna Banana Band, Stacey Peasley, and Voca People & ImaginOcean.**

Music in the Square

Festivities conclude each Thursday with a 6:00 PM **musical performance** presented by our first media sponsor ever, New York Press. Enjoy a family-friendly evening, ending in various theatrical and musical performances representing a variety of genres electrifying the stage in the South Plaza of Union Square Park. This year's performers include **Friends, Metermaids, Million Dollar Quartet, The Aviation Orange, Sandel, Ava Luna, Grooms, The Vanguard, The Shondes, and ARMS.**

The Union Square Partnership thanks the 2011 *Summer in the Square* sponsors and event partners for their generous support including Beth Israel, Citibank, Con Edison, 14th Street Y, McBurney YMCA, ORDA Management, The New School, New York Press, New York University, Whole Foods Market, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, lululemon athletica, Baby Loves Disco, Brooklyn Bridge Boot Camp, Coach Amazing, *Million Dollar Quartet*, Voca People and Yoga Stars.

A complete schedule of activities and performances is available at www.unionsquarenyc.org.

2011 "SUMMER IN THE SQUARE" SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fitness in the Square

- 7:00 AM Running 101 + More
Runners meet at Washington statue, South Plaza
- 8:00 AM Open Level Yoga
Classes are led by Union Square-based studios, South Lawn behind Washington statue
- 9:00 AM Cardio Boot Camp
Classes led by Brooklyn Bridge Boot Camp, South Lawn behind Washington statue

Kids in the Square

- 10:00 AM *Mommy & Me Yoga*
Presented by Yoga Stars in the new playground, enter along the 16th Street transverse
- June 16th 12:00 PM Baby Loves Disco
June 23rd 12:00 PM The Rockdoves
June 30th 12:00 PM Little Groove
July 7th 12:00 PM Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys
July 14th 12:00 PM Jeremy Plays Guitar
July 21st 12:00 PM Baby Loves Disco
July 28th 12:00 PM Anna Banana Band
August 4th 12:00 PM Stacey Peasley
August 11th 12:00 PM Voca People & ImaginOcean

Music in the Square

- June 16th 6:00 PM Friends
June 23rd 6:00 PM Metermaids
June 30th 4:30 PM *Million Dollar Quartet*
6:00 PM The Aviation Orange
July 7th 6:00 PM Sandel
July 14th 6:00 PM Ava Luna
July 21st 6:00 PM Grooms
July 28th 6:00 PM The Vanguard
August 4th 6:00 PM The Shondes
August 11th 6:00 PM ARMS