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### **OGS ANNOUNCES NEW YORK STATE'S SUMMER STAGE IN HARLEM CONCERT SERIES**

#### **Thursday Night Concerts July 27 – August 31**

RoAnn Destito, Commissioner, New York State Office of General Services (OGS) today announced the lineup for the 2017 Summer Stage in Harlem series of free concerts and events that will be presented on Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building at 163 West 125th Street in Harlem.

“The Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building in Harlem is the perfect location to showcase the diverse music, fashion, and talent that exists in this community,” Commissioner Destito said. “We are excited to continue this tradition of free Thursday evening concerts, and this summer’s amazing lineup of entertainment is not to be missed.”

#### **July 27: Fashion Night**

Summer Stage officially kicks off with a fashion show that will place a spotlight on multi-talented designers and feature performances by “The Original Spindarella,” DJ Latoya Hanson/Mouzon, who was a member of Salt-N-Pepa when the rap group first formed in 1985. The Original Spindarella will first perform an old skool mix of her songs accompanied by dancers from the Shade Dance Company and will return to the stage to debut her new song “Spin Splash” while the fashions of Chicago designer Stevie Edwards are being modeled.

Produced by Her Game 2 Productions, the event will highlight women’s fashion designers such as Edwards, Raif, D Sims, and Hope Wade, including dresses, plus sizes, and women’s couture. The show will also feature children’s lines by Amiya’s Baby Collection and Super Rich Kids, and men’s fashions by Monshe’ Benet and Duane Fish as well as men’s swimwear by Julius Martin. Stop by and celebrate the summer in style.

#### **August 3: Caribbean Night**

It may be Manhattan Island, but the music will transport you to a tropical island with palm trees and pristine beaches during Summer Stage’s Caribbean Night featuring Dahved Levy and Samira Gibson. With his trademark catch phrase, “Dahved Levy, rockin’ you! Rockin’ you!”

Dahved is a trailblazer and innovator in the field of broadcast media who became the first person to host a Caribbean-focused show on mainstream radio in New York. Samira is a young, gifted, and talented vocalist who sings from the corners of her heart. From opera to gospel, Samira sings in more than four different languages.

### **August 10: Dance Night**

Prepare yourself for a thrilling night of eclectic dance performances, art, and choreography showcasing the diversity of talent in the community. Dance Night will feature the Uptown Dance Academy, The Angels of Transformation, Impact Repertory Theater, and E Dotty.

### **August 17: Latin Night**

Come salsa, rumba, tango and samba the night away at Summer Stage's Latin Night featuring live performances by Afro-Caribbean jazz band Jaambo and a fiery young pianist with "flying hands," Cuban jazz artist Jorge Luis Pacheco y Grupo and the Obini Bata Dancers, and the Cesar Lopez y Habana Ensemble.

### **August 24 Jazz Night**

Beloved by people for more than 100 years, Jazz spans decades of improvisation, instrumental virtuoso, and evolving tunes and rhythm. Jazz Night will feature Project Grand Slam. The brainchild of acclaimed bassist and composer Robert Miller, Project Grand Slam is a jazz rock fusion band that has cultivated a fervent, worldwide fan base while defying genres, languages, and geographic boundaries. Jazz night will also feature performances by "Harlem's FavGirl," vocalist Raine Torae, singer/songwriter Tawanna Shaunte, and flautist Claudia Hayden.

### **August 31: Gospel Night**

Capping off the 2017 *Summer Stage in Harlem* series is an evening of inspiring gospel, featuring the amazing talents of Jules Bartholomew's JudaCamp, the Reverend Terrance L. Kennedy and the Reach Week Ministry, ARC gospel choir, and Evangelist Talitha Cumi.

All events are free and open to the public. Please bring your own chair.

No alcoholic beverages, coolers (defined as rigid insulated containers), or glass containers of any kind; no animals or pets (excludes ADA-defined service animals) will be allowed. Any type of recording of the performance or presentation is prohibited without prior written consent.

A special thank you to the 2017 Summer Stage in Harlem sponsors: Affinity Health Plan, HealthFirst, and WBLS, with additional support from WellCare Health Plans, Harlem Community Development Corporation, Aetna, and Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce.

For more information and performance updates on any of the above listed events, follow us on Twitter @NYS\_OGS or on Facebook at Summer Stage in Harlem, visit us online at [www.summerstageinharlem.org](http://www.summerstageinharlem.org), or contact the OGS Convention & Cultural Events Office by emailing [summerstage@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:summerstage@ogs.ny.gov) or calling (212) 961-4390.

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