

Georgia World Congress Center Authority Announces Return of Music to Downtown Atlanta with New Event

Summer Sounds at Centennial Olympic Park Debuts July 24

ATLANTA — Get ready, Atlanta! Live music is making a much-anticipated return to Centennial Olympic Park this summer with a vibrant new community event. *Summer Sounds at Centennial Olympic Park* will debut on Thursday, July 24, offering visitors an unforgettable evening of entertainment, food, and community spirit. Admission is free and open to the public.

Inspired by the wildly popular Wednesday Wind Down series (2007 – 2017), *Summer Sounds at Centennial Olympic Park* will spotlight an eclectic mix of talented local and regional performers. Alongside the music, guests can enjoy delicious offerings from local food vendors, refreshing beverages, and the iconic backdrop of one of Atlanta's most beloved downtown public spaces. The entertainment lineup features:

- **Gritz & Jelly Butter:** one of the Southeast's premier cover bands, known for their electrifying mix of soul, R&B, hip-hop, reggae, and rock producing sing-along favorites, contemporary hits, and infectious originals.
- Will & The Exclamation: a Billboard-charting group blending pop, soul, and storytelling into a nostalgic yet modern R&B sound.
- **Cleveland P. Jones:** a classically trained, soul-stirring vocalist whose music blends Southern roots with global appeal. A Morehouse and Berklee alum, he's toured internationally and has shared stages with legends.
- **DJ Smooth J:** Atlanta's youngest rising DJ, already commanding major events with his energy and versatility. From fashion shows to Falcons tailgates, he's become a go-to favorite across Georgia's live entertainment scene.

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"Summer Sounds is designed to bring people together and re-energize Centennial Olympic Park as a vibrant gathering place for everyone—making this the perfect midweek outing for families, friends, and music lovers across the region," shared Kevin Duvall, chief executive officer of Georgia World Congress Center Authority. "We look forward to welcoming surrounding community members, park neighbors, and visitors to an evening of music that celebrates Atlanta's culture, creativity, and spirit."

More information about *Summer Sounds at Centennial Olympic Park* can be found by visiting <u>www.centennialolympicpark.com</u> and following Centennial Olympic Park on social media.

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About Georgia World Congress Center Authority

Georgia World Congress Center Authority (GWCCA) is a state agency and the steward of some of Georgia's most iconic event destinations, including Georgia World Congress Center, Centennial Olympic Park, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and Signia by Hilton Atlanta. Since 2014, GWCCA has also operated the Savannah Convention Center, connecting the state's top two tourism markets. As the largest combined convention, sports, and entertainment campus in North America, GWCCA is committed to creating exceptional guest experiences while driving economic growth and showcasing Georgia on the world stage.