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SUMMER 2018 IN PHILADELPHIA MEANS OUTDOOR FESTIVALS & CONCERTS
Among Philly's Summer Classics: The Roots Picnic, Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival & Odunde

PHILADELPHIA, May 11, 2018 – Summer in Philadelphia has always been a time to get outside and get celebrating, something that's easy to do thanks to the city's bountiful outdoor festivals and concerts. Below are the alfresco festivals and open-air concerts the city is most looking forward to:

Festivals:

- **Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival, Through July 8** – Franklin Square welcomes back spectacular silken lanterns for a third year of evening brilliance. The 200-foot-long dragon returns with an all-new Fairy Tree, Great White Shark Tunnel, an elephant that changes colors when participants pedal a bicycle, plus cultural performances—unique live arts such as face-changing and acrobatics—authentic Asian cuisine, favorite American foods, the Dragon Beer Garden, pop-up studio shops by Chinese folk artists—all on the edge of Chinatown. 6th & Race Streets, (215) 629-4026, phillychineselanternfestival.org
- **Sail Philadelphia, May 24-28** – A dozen Tall Ships from Portugal, Spain, Nova Scotia and the United States parade into harbor to dock along the promenade at Penn's Landing for an extended Memorial Day weekend. This Tall Ships America event includes public tours (timed tickets now available), sailing excursions and loads of riverside fun. Philadelphia serves as the only East Coast port to host the event this year. sailphiladelphia.com
- **PIFA 2018, May 31-June 10** – The Kimmel Center's Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts (PIFA) returns with 11 full days of collaborative, innovative performances, plus a live art-filled festival and street fair along Broad Street, also known as the Avenue of the Arts. Another highlight: French performance troupe Transe Express returns, this time for the world premiere of *Cristal Palace*, a 30-foot chandelier—made of 50 air acrobats and dancers on the banks of the Schuylkill River—and Taylor Mac's inimitable recreation of the history of dance, from the waltz to disco. kimmelcenter.org/pifa
- **PECO Multicultural Series, June 3-September 16** – The Great Plaza at Penn's Landing celebrates diversity in its summertime afternoon-through-early evening series. The festival lineup includes Philadelphia Irish Festival (June 3), Islamic Heritage Festival (June 16), Juneteenth Festival (June 23), Concilio's Hispanic Fiesta (July 7-8), ACANA African Festival (August 5), Festival of India (August 18), Caribbean Festival (August 19), Brazilian Day Philadelphia (September 9) and Mexican Independence Day (September 16). delwareriverwaterfront.com
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- **Odunde Festival, June 10** – The East Coast’s largest and the country’s longest, continuously running African-American street festival returns for its 43rd year, with organizer Bumi Fernandez at the helm—and thousands in attendance. The annual commemoration of the Yoruba New Year includes a noontime spiritual procession to the Schuylkill River, and continues with live music and dance, 100 arts and craft and food vendors and more. 23rd & South Streets, odundefestival.org
- **PrideDay, June 10** – The city’s 30th annual LGBT pride festival begins with a parade from the heart of the Gayborhood to Penn’s Landing, where there’s live music, food, drink—and headliner Margaret Cho. phillygaypride.org
- **Manayunk Arts Festival, June 23-24** – For the 29th year, dozens of artists specializing in fiber, paint and drawing, jewelry, glass and ceramics, wood and sculpture and more set up open-air galleries along the canal neighborhood’s Main Street for 200,000 guests to take in. It’s the region’s largest juried outdoor art show. manayunk.com
- **Wawa Welcome America!, June 28-July 4** – Seven days and nights of parades, concerts and fireworks comprise Philadelphia’s always epic Fourth of July celebration, with the Historic District as a key location for patriotic fun. Highlights include a waterfront fireworks display (June 30), an all-day block party (July 3), three concerts on Independence Mall (July 1, 2 and 3) and a patriotic parade and ceremony (July 4). welcomeamerica.com

Outdoor Concerts:

- **HoagieNation Festival, May 26** – The second year of Daryl Hall’s and John Oates’ Philly-proud music fest returns the locally grown rock-n-soul duo to their home stage, along with Train, Fitz and the Tantrums, Tommy Conwell & the Young Rumlbers and more. Festival Pier, Penn’s Landing, Columbus Boulevard & Spring Garden Street, hoagienation.com
- **Summer Sounds in the Historic District, June 1-September 7** – Visitors can enjoy 50+ live musical performances during this series of long-popular concerts and new programming curated by VISIT PHILADELPHIA®. Jazz, DJ tunes, Latin grooves and even the sweet sounds of symphony fill the parks, patios and plazas at more than a dozen locations from FringeArts to the Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent. visitphilly.com/summersounds
- **Roots Picnic, June 2** – Yet another legendary Philly band, The Roots put on their 11th annual summertime blowout at Penn’s Landing’s Festival Pier. This year’s lineup features Questlove’s crew, plus Lil Uzi Vert, Dirty Projectors, 2 Chainz, The Diplomats and many others. Columbus Boulevard & Spring Garden Street, rootspicnic.com/philly
- **XPoNential Music Festival, July 27-29** – Just across the Delaware River at Wiggins Park and the BB&T Pavilion, this three-day, three-stage, 30-plus performer concert stars music-makers that are both well-known (David Byrne, Preservation Hall Band, Blind Boys of Alabama, The War On Drugs) and up-and-coming. The host: public radio station 88.5 WXPB. 2 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ; 1 Harbor Boulevard, Camden, NJ, xpnfest.org
- **Budweiser Made In America Festival, September 1-2** – Now in its seventh year, Jay Z’s epic two-day, Labor Day weekend music festival returns to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway with a to-be-announced lineup of headliners. Benjamin Franklin Parkway, madeinamericafest.com

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