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CELEBRATE SUMMER'S MOST MEANINGFUL MOMENTS WITH THE 2025 SUMMER ARTS GUIDE

Discover events that embrace freedom, creativity, and community at JerseyArts.com/Summer

BURLINGTON, N.J. – May 2025 – The 2025 Summer Arts Guide is here, and this year, is your key to experiencing summer's most joyful, unforgettable moments through the arts. From dynamic Pride celebrations and poignant Juneteenth observances to spectacular Fourth of July fireworks concerts, Discover Jersey Arts invites residents and visitors alike to embrace the vibrant, diverse cultural life across New Jersey.

"'You Gotta Be Here' to experience the joy of summer's most meaningful moments, all across our beautiful state," said Adam Perle, President & CEO of ArtPride New Jersey. "This guide curates events that celebrate variety, freedom, and the power of creativity — offering the perfect escape from the everyday."

As part of the ongoing Discover Jersey Arts initiative, a program of ArtPride New Jersey, the Summer Arts Guide highlights a range of live performances, visual arts exhibitions, community festivals, and family-friendly events that span the Garden State. Whether you're looking to spend a summer night at an outdoor jazz concert, join in a local theater production, or explore new art installations, JerseyArts.com has your summer arts itinerary ready.

Highlights from the 2025 Summer Guide:

- [Newark Black Film Festival](#)
 - July 16–20 at the Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ
Celebrate 50 years of cinematic excellence at the longest-running Black film festival in the U.S. Enjoy epic opening and closing events, thought-provoking films, engaging panel discussions, and exclusive filmmaker Q&As — all showcasing the richness of the Black experience through film.
- [Julian Marley & The Uprising – Sunset Jazz Series](#)
 - June 23 at Wiggins Park, Camden, NJ
Groove under the stars with reggae royalty! Julian Marley, son of Bob Marley, brings soul-stirring music and uplifting vibes to Camden's scenic waterfront in this can't-miss installment of the Sunset Jazz Series.
- [RENT at Algonquin Arts Theatre](#)
 - August 9–17 in Manasquan, NJ
Back by popular demand! Experience the iconic rock musical RENT in a bold new production. With its unforgettable score and powerful themes of love and resilience, this Tony and Pulitzer-winning classic is a defining cultural event of the summer.

"Summer in New Jersey is about more than going down the shore. It's about coming together to celebrate community, expression, and unforgettable shared moments," said Jim Atkinson, Director of Programs & Services at ArtPride New Jersey. "Folks can visit JerseyArts.com to find lots of options to get out and make lasting memories with family and friends."

Also launching in May, the 2025 Jersey Arts Road Trip campaign invites art lovers to hit the road and discover the rich cultural experiences waiting in 12 vibrant destination

cities across New Jersey. From Cape May to Montclair—and new this year, Millville and Jersey City—each destination page on [JerseyArts.com/RoadTrip](#) offers curated suggestions on what to do, where to eat, and where to stay. Whether you're looking for a quick day trip or a weekend arts escape, the Road Trip campaign makes it easy to plan a getaway that blends creative exploration with local flavor and hospitality.

With the arts already contributing more than \$532 million annually to New Jersey’s economy and enriching the lives of millions, the Summer Arts Guide reinforces the importance of cultural participation while making it easier than ever to explore what’s happening statewide.

To explore the full Summer Arts Guide and plan your arts-filled summer escape, visit [JerseyArts.com/Summer](#).

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ArtPride New Jersey's Commitment to Equity

As part of its dedication to becoming an anti-racist organization, ArtPride New Jersey Foundation continues to champion the voices of historically excluded communities, including Black, LatinX, Asian Pacific Islander, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and people with disabilities. The foundation recognizes the existence of systemic inequities in New Jersey's arts and cultural community and is committed to transformative change. Through advocacy, awareness, and grassroots efforts, ArtPride New Jersey seeks to amplify diverse artistic voices and ensure equitable access to the arts for all.

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About Discover Jersey Arts

Discover Jersey Arts is a program of the ArtPride New Jersey Foundation dedicated to increasing awareness of and participation in the arts statewide. [JerseyArts.com](#) showcases New Jersey’s creative community through feature stories, videos, and podcasts; highlighted events and ticket deals; a comprehensive directory of arts organizations; and other content. Discover Jersey Arts was co-founded and is supported by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts,

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