



WASHINGTON SQUARE MUSIC FESTIVAL
68th SEASON CELEBRATION
Free Alfresco Concerts in WS Park
Tuesdays at 8 pm in June, 2026
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ws-mf.org

Music Director Ahmed Alom (<https://www.ahmedalom.com/>) has announced the 68th season of the Washington Square Music Festival, four Tuesdays in June, on the Main Stage in the center of Washington Square Park. Concerts are free, and limited seating is available; lawn chairs are recommended. The Festival is under the auspices of the Washington Square Association.

June 9, 8 pm: Festival Chamber Ensemble

Soloist Eriko Sato, violin

Baroque and Renaissance Music--rainspace TBA

June 16, 8 pm: Kali Rodriguez Peña Quintet Latin Jazz

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIRNZ7_O234

June 23, 8 pm: Itai Kriss and Telavana Ensemble

A fusion of jazz, Afro-Caribbean, and Middle Eastern music

<https://www.itaikriss.com/>

June 30, 8 pm: Festival Chamber Orchestra Ahmed

Alom, Conductor,

soloist Rosario Armas, mezzo-soprano

Music by Schumann, Berlioz, and Kinan Azmeh

Rainspace for June 16, 23, 30 The New School, 55
West 13th Street, Steifull Hall, room 1400

Programs are subject to change

Ahmed Alom, the festival's Music Director and driving force behind our programming, writes: "For me, representation is at the heart of curating a music festival. Programming should reflect the diversity of our city and its audiences, providing opportunities for listeners to connect with artists and music that resonate with their own identities and experiences. My own artistic journey has been shaped by rigorous classical training, as well as profound experiences in jazz and Cuban music—two traditions that emphasize oral transmission and improvisation. Like language, music is a living art form, enriched by the fusion of different perspectives and traditions."

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