

FOR EMBARGOED RELEASE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1 AT 10:00 A.M. PT:



STERN GROVE FESTIVAL HOSTS PHIL LESH & FRIENDS ON AUGUST 14

SUNDAY CONCERT MARKS LESH'S FIRST ADMISSION-FREE SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCE IN OVER 30 YEARS

Accomplished Musicians Scott Metzger, Stanley Jordan, Stuart Bogie & More to Join Lesh at Stern Grove, Alongside Son & Midnight North Band Member Grahame Lesh

Advance Ticket Reservations Available Tuesday, August 2 at 2:00 p.m. PT via [SternGrove.org](https://www.sterngrove.org)

WHAT: **Stern Grove Festival**, the oldest music festival in the San Francisco Bay Area, has returned for the Summer of 2022 marking its **85th Anniversary at Sigmund Stern Grove**, a historic park and concert meadow located at 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard that offers an unparalleled outdoor setting for music lovers of all ages.

Although the Festival continues to be **free for attendees of all-ages**, guests must register in advance to reserve a spot for each concert at www.sterngrove.org. Online ticket reservations open at 2:00 p.m. PT exactly 12 days prior to each Sunday event.

To close out the summer of festivities, Stern Grove Festival will host **The Big Picnic on Sunday, August 14** featuring performances by **Phil Lesh & Friends**. The Big Picnic is a fundraising event benefiting Stern Grove Festival and its mission to present free concerts and community outreach programs to the Bay Area.

Lesh's performance at Stern Grove Festival 2022 will mark **the first admission-free concert in his hometown in the San Francisco Bay Area in more than 30 years**, following the Laughter, Love and Music festival in winter 1991 that commemorated the passing of beloved concert promoter Bill Graham.

Scott Metzger of Joe Russo's Almost Dead and Grammy Award-nominated jazz guitarist **Stanley Jordan** will join Lesh on stage in addition to other seasoned session players well-respected in the music industry like **Stuart Bogie, John Molo, Jason Crosby, Katie Jacoby**, and **Mikaela Davis**. Bay Area-native **Grahame Lesh**, co-founder of the band **Midnight North** that is helping to open up the Sunday afternoon concert, will also join his father on-stage to help round-out the lineup.

While the final concert will remain free to the public, **reserved picnic tables are available for purchase** starting at \$5,000 for up to ten guests as part of the Festival's fundraising efforts. Big Picnic table guests will receive valet parking, a catered picnic basket and access to two VIP lounges. Visit the [Festival's table reservations page](#) to learn more.

The week prior on **Sunday, August 7**, **multi-accomplished blues musician Taj Mahal** will perform at the Grove. Fans that afternoon will be treated to a medley of hits across the blues pioneer's musical career that spans more than five decades.

Stern Grove Festival will also be **live streaming both of these August concerts free-of-charge** in order to reach as many music fans as possible, especially those unable to attend in-person. The virtual livestream experience will kick off starting at 2:00 p.m. PT each Sunday.

Learn more at www.sterngrove.org, and make sure to follow along on social media including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

WHERE: Sigmund Stern Grove, San Francisco, CA 94132
Doors open each Sunday at Noon PT
Music performances begin at 2:00 pm

SCHEDULE: Sunday August 7
Featuring Taj Mahal, Monophonics, DJ Shortkut
Reservations opened on Tuesday, July 26 ([CLICK HERE](#))

Sunday, August 14
Featuring Phil Lesh & Friends, Midnight North, DJs Freak Flag Radio
Reservations open on Tuesday, August 2 ([CLICK HERE](#))

ASSETS: [2022 Photo Highlights](#)
[2022 Video Trailer](#)
Artist [Images](#) & [Bios](#)
Past [Photos](#) & [Videos](#)

SPECIAL NOTES: Limited spots for press and photographers are available onsite. Please contact the Festival's publicist ASAP if interested in covering this event:
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ABOUT STERN GROVE FESTIVAL:

Stern Grove Festival is a beloved annual San Francisco summer tradition spanning 85 years and counting. Each summer, the Festival presents 10 free concerts featuring a curated mix of popular headliners, Rock & Roll Hall of Famers, Grammy Award-winners, and rising new stars. Past Festival performers include The Isley Brothers, Smokey Robinson, The Doobie Brothers, Kool & the Gang, Toots & the Maytals, Mavis Staples, Janelle Monáe, The Psychedelic Furs, Mitski, Pink Martini, Ziggy Marley, Fitz and The Tantrums, Ozomatli, Digable Planets, Carlos Santana, and many more!

Stern Grove Festival also presents admission-free arts education programs for youth and young adults in San Francisco each year, fulfilling its mission to make live musical experiences accessible to all. Learn more by visiting www.sterngrove.org.

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