

West Park Cultural Center, Fairmount Park Conservancy, and Global Philadelphia thank the many partners who have helped make this 10th annual festival possible. Special gratitude also goes to our volunteers and all the wonderful talent.

**PARTNERS**



**In this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year**

Fairmount Park Conservancy and Global Philadelphia have joined West Park Cultural Center as organizers of the West Park Arts Fest. This represents a major milestone and builds on the event's original mission. Through this joint effort West Park Arts Fest is advancing to the next level with increased participation and greater awareness of West Fairmount Park and surrounding communities. It's only natural to celebrate this 10th anniversary in the Park at the same site as the Centennial Exposition of 1876. This was an event that holds a major significance to the history of the area. With this new collaboration we are expanding programming featuring the area's history, heritage, and contributions along with Philadelphia's culturally diverse talent.

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**10TH ANNIVERSARY**

**JUNE 3, 2017**

**PROGRAM**

**Presented by**



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## WEST PARK ARTS FEST / PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### MUSIC STAGE

MC - *C Fox*

- 12:00 West Philadelphia Orchestra  
12:40 ISH  
1:20 Gretchen Elise  
2:00 Badd Kitts  
2:55 Little Sister Band  
3:30 City Love  
4:10 Timi Tanzania & The Bredren

### DANCE STAGE

MC - *Christopher Coleman*

- 12:45 WPSCC Line Dancers  
1:15 Naatya Seva Classical Indian Dance  
1:40 Megan Flynn Dance Company  
2:05 Universal Drum and Dance Ensemble  
(sponsored by The Mann)  
2:40 Philly Surfers  
3:05 Jasmin Yahne Dance Company  
3:30 Clowns Without Borders  
4:15 Pamela Hetherington / Sound Space

Standing History/Heritage Timeline / Global Philadelphia Association

Heritage Storytelling Booth / Global Philadelphia Association

Shofuso Japanese House and Garden / Artifacts

WEPAINT Collaborative Painting

Historical Trolley Tours (12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm)

*Narrated by Kathy Lee*

“Bicycle Tour—3:00pm

Parks on Tap

Paul Kauriga, Technical Director

Alex Krowzow, Tech Associate

Eric Weston, Tech Associate

Niesha Kennedy, PR Manager, WPCC

*\* Schedule subject to change*

## ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN of ALL AGES

### All Day—12pm-5pm

The Franklin Institute /PACTS Program science activities

Please Touch Museum / Imagination Playground

Tree House Books / Book Give-a-way and Poetry Wall

### Scheduled

- 12:00 - 2:00 Philadelphia Zoo  
12:30 - 3:30 Face Painting with Olga  
12:30 - 2:30 Patchwork Storytelling Guild  
3:00 - 5:00 Keepers of the Culture

### ART INSTALLATIONS (Fairmount Park Conservancy/ARTPLACE)

For the 10th anniversary of the West Park Arts Fest, five artists respond to the past and future of this historically significant site. As West Fairmount Park was home to the 1876 Centennial Exposition, the installations offer an opportunity to reflect on this rich history as well as engage Parkside neighbors in considering the present and future narratives of their community.

- Projects curated by Theresa Rose.

**Timothy Belknap** created a large comet-like sculpture with moving eyes for the festival. Visitors will be encouraged to interact with the piece by creating their own welcome flags that can be mounted onto the sculpture. The flags are inspired by the Statue of Liberty welcome gift to the US from France; the torch was first exhibited at the 1876 Exposition.

**Claes Gabriel** is exhibiting six totem-like painted stretched canvas forms. Their electric color and meditative-like patterning will be a feast for the eyes.

**Eugene Lew** has organized a bell-ringing bicycle tour of the West Park and a wheelie competition. Bells and lights will also be available to cyclists interested in audible signaling & low light visibility.

**Tiona Nekkia McClodden** is presenting an intimate multi-media installation that explores the complicated history of the sculpture “The Death of Cleopatra” by sculptor Edmonia Lewis which exhibited at the 1876 Centennial Exposition to much acclaim. Lewis was the first woman of African-American and Native American heritage to achieve international fame and recognition as a sculptor in the fine arts world.

**Taji Ra'oof Nahl** has created a site specific performance and installation at the historical Civil War Monument. He delves into the historical narratives of the site, the Avenue of the Republic connecting to his long-standing concept, Defenders of the Republic.