

HOME RULE **2024** Music Festival

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Home Rule Music Festival Returns June 21, 22 and July 20 Featuring Jazz and D.C. Go-Go All-Stars

Multi-day festival celebrates D.C. music and culture at the intersections of jazz and go-go with events featuring **Rare Essence, Gary Bartz, The New Doug Carn Sextet, Idriss Ackamoor & The Pyramids, Black Alley, Vanessa Rubin, JoGo Project, Dupont Brass Band, Be'la Donna, The Experience Band & Show**, and many more

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The **Home Rule Music and Film Preservation Foundation** is excited to announce an all-star lineup for the 2024 Home Rule Music Festival. With three days of live performances, HR Music Festival features music legends and producing artists who represent the evolution of jazz and its historic and contemporary intersections with go-go and funk music. Now in its third year, the festival has expanded to include two outdoor, family-friendly events that are free and open to the public. On Saturday, June 22, **Gary Bartz, Idriss Ackamoore and The Pyramids, Rare Essence, Black Alley, Vanessa Rubin, Dupont Brass Band, and the Malcolm X Drummers and Dancers** will perform at **The Parks at Walter Reed** beginning at Noon. The festival will continue with a second day of performances by **The Experience Band & Show, Be'la Donna**, and others at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, in **Alethia Tanner Park**.

“HR Music Festival is an opportunity to commune with, experience, and honor living music legends and jazz greats like Doug Carn, Gary Bartz, and Idriss Ackamoor while supporting the new vanguard of jazz and go-go musicians who are innovating in incredible ways,” said **Charvis V. Campbell**, executive director of the Home Rule Music and Film Preservation Foundation. “We couldn’t be more excited about this year’s festival and the opportunity to expand our reach with a second full day dedicated to go-go music.”

HR Musical Festival officially begins on Friday, June 21, with an opening night at **Black Cat DC** headlined by the JoGo Project, WAMMIE Award-winning, D.C. jazz and go-go band featuring local Jazz Ambassador Elijah Jamal Balbed. The **New Doug Carn Sextet** will also perform with special guest vocalist Vanessa Rubin. Entry to this launch

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show is ticketed and can be purchased in advance for \$40 or on the day of the show for \$50.

The outdoor events on June 22 and July 20 will offer family-friendly entertainment with local food and drink vendors, local businesses, and engaging activations hosted by festival sponsors and community partners. A record fair, mural painting, and designated kids zone will make for a full afternoon as attendees enjoy electrifying live music from both legendary and emerging jazz and go-go artists. The festival's major sponsors including the **Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME)**, **Monumental Sports**, **DC Lottery**, and **Events DC** have provided generous support for the festival and will host activations on-site. Several community-based organizations, including **DC Water**, **National Park Service**, **Don't Mute DC**, and the **Carter Barron Alliance**, have partnered with the festival to provide information about city resources and provide engaging and informative activities for festival goers.

"The Home Rule Music Festival celebrates our rich cultural landscape, blending our city's jazz heritage with Go-Go, the official music of the District," said **LaToya Foster**, OCTFME director. "We are proud to support an event with such impact that brings our community together through the universal language of music."

Several learning and enrichment opportunities will be available ahead of the main days of live music performances. On June 1, **Loop Sessions D.M.V.** will partner with the Festival at **Eaton DC** hotel giving beat makers an opportunity to create and share new music tracks created through music sampling from vinyl records curated by **Judah**, a D.C. native and accomplished music producer. The Festival's *Master Classes with Musicians* series will give the community a unique opportunity to hear from jazz and go-go maestros and aficionados including **James "Plunky" Branch** of jazz band Oneness of Juju, **Sugar Bear** from the popular go-go band Experience Unlimited, and Don't Mute DC co-founder **Natalie Hopkinson**, Ph.D. who will come together for an in-depth discussion about the intersections between jazz and go-go.

"At the core of the festival's mission is our effort to preserve the rich history of jazz and go-go music and culture," Campbell continued. "We do this by curating an incredible lineup of artists that represent that history, but also through educational opportunities like our master classes and Loop Sessions that enrich the D.C. community's knowledge and interest in this incredible legacy. I'm tremendously grateful to our sponsors for their generous support which has made it possible for us to not only sustain, but to grow the festival and continue cultivating the district's connection to the music."

"We're excited to welcome the Home Rule Music Festival to Alethia Tanner Park on July 20 to celebrate DC's rich history of jazz, funk, and go-go," said **Maura Brophy**, president and CEO of the NoMa Business Improvement District. "We encourage

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concertgoers to bring a blanket to spread out on the more than two acres of grassy lawn at Alethia Tanner Park, the perfect venue for an outdoor concert experience.”

General admission for the festival on June 22 and July 20 is free. A limited number of VIP tickets are also available and includes complimentary meals and drinks from local vendors; meet-and-greet opportunities with the renowned musicians; and reserved stage front visibility. The full schedule and lineup is available now at homerulemusicfestival.com.

HR Music Festival sponsors: HR Records, Capital Bop, Anxo Cider, The Parks at Walter Reed, The Black Cat, International Order of Odd Fellows - Columbia Lodge #10, WPFW 89.3 FM, DC Office of Lottery & Gaming, DC Office of Film, Cable, Television, Media & Entertainment (OCFTME), NoMa BID, Eaton DC, Eaton House, DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities, Destination DC, Mayor's Office for Community Affairs, Washington Commanders, DC Department of Energy & The Environment, Ledo Pizza Georgia Ave, Loop Sessions, Loop Sessions DMV, DC Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), Soul Mega, Monumental Sports & Entertainment, Other Half, Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center, Finding Rhythm, Songbyrd Music House, Tres Creole Catering, Lillian's Southern Box Catering, WHUR 96.3 FM, Takoma Radio, Crown Bakery, Art of Noize, ANC 4A and Events DC.

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About HR Music Festival and HR Music and Film Preservation

The Home Rule Music Festival is produced by Home Rule Music and Film Preservation Foundation, a DC based non-profit multi-media arts and education organization with a mission to promote, support and preserve DC music and film through performance, education, and advocacy.