

## MacArthur Park concerts kick off July 3

Puppet shows, reggae, gospel choirs and African drumming are among performances slated this summer at the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts at MacArthur Park, 6th and S. Park View streets just west of downtown Los Angeles.

Concerts take place Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; children's performances are on Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

The concerts began last year after the bandshell, which had stood dormant for nearly a decade, was restored by The Friends of the Levitt Pavilion.

The non-profit's aim is to build a strong community, celebrate diversity and inspire youth through the annual summer concert series. The season features 50 free performances—in an open lawn, amphitheater environment—that are appropriate for all ages.

Guests are encouraged to bring picnic dinners, lawn chairs and blankets.

An opening celebration for the 2008 season features reggae by Punta Cartel on Thur., July 3 at 6 p.m.

One Hawaii with Keali'i Reichel and Na Leo entertain on Fri., July 4 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday evening performances feature Latin music by a variety of artists. World Music, including African drums, Korean and Filipino folk music is on Thursdays.

Among Friday performances are jazz, Yiddish and samba music.

Saturdays are devoted to American Roots music including country and Jazz.

Target Children's Nights on Sundays feature marionettes, puppets, a youth talent night, folktales.

Go to [www.levittla.org](http://www.levittla.org).



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