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**Delaware River Waterfront Continues “Make Summer Yours” Fun with Jazz Summer Nights, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PECO Multicultural Series, Free Yoga on Race Street Pier, Character Skates, ‘80s DJ Night & Mondo Cane**

**PHILADELPHIA (July 22, 2025)** - The [Delaware River Waterfront Corporation](#) (“DRWC”) invites visitors to continue their summer fun at the Waterfront this August 2025 with a jam-packed schedule of events and happenings designed to “Make Summer Yours” across its parks: Spruce Street Harbor Park, Cherry Street Pier, Race Street Pier, Independence Blue Cross RiverRink SummerFest and more.

With something for everyone to enjoy during the last few official weeks of summer, August spotlights at the Delaware River Waterfront include:

- 30th Anniversary PECO Multicultural Series, including: **ACANA, Festival of India, and Caribbean Festival**;
- **Jazz Summer Nights Series** at Spruce Street Harbor Park;
- **Wellness on the Waterfront** presented by Independence Blue Cross— free yoga events at Race Street Pier;
- **Character skates** and **Planet Rock ‘80s DJ Night** at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest;
- New exhibition, **Mondo Cane, a large-scale outdoor sculpture** by Philadelphia artist Jonathan Santoro to make its debut at Race Street Pier.

**A complete August 2025 Calendar of Events is below.** “Make Summer Yours” is the Waterfront’s Summer 2025 theme inviting people of all ages to enjoy the Delaware River Waterfront. For more information, interest in covering these events, or photos about these happenings, please contact: Tamara Yvette Day ([tday@signature57.com](mailto:tday@signature57.com)).

**HIGH-RES IMAGES:** For high-resolution images of our parks and events, visit our media gallery: [linked here](#). To access use password **aidemdrwc**: or contact us through [our media inquires form](#). To stay up-to-date on DRWC happenings throughout the year, please visit [delawareriverwaterfront.com](http://delawareriverwaterfront.com).

## **\*\*\*August 2025 Calendar of Events\*\*\***

### **30TH ANNIVERSARY PECO MULTICULTURAL SERIES**

**ACANA, Festival of India, and Caribbean Festival**

*\*\*Hosted at varying parks including Cherry Street Pier, Race Street Pier, Spruce Street Harbor Park, and Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest*

[Delaware River Waterfront Corporation](#) (DRWC), the steward of the waterfront, alongside its long-time partner [PECO](#), working to power a cleaner, brighter future for its customers and communities, will host a special celebration of its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PECO Multicultural Series coming to the Delaware River Waterfront.

#### **ACANA African Festival**

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**2 - 8 PM**

Locations: Cherry Street Pier, 121 N. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106 & Race Street Pier, Race Street and N. Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Organized by: [African Cultural Alliance of North America Inc. \(ACANA\)](#)

The 17th annual ACANA African Festival, the largest African music festival on the East Coast, features a diverse lineup of African music performances, ethnic food vendors, and unique crafts from African and other ethnic artisan vendors. Attendees can look forward to an immersive cultural experience with activities and entertainment for all ages.

#### **Festival of India**

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

**12 - 7 PM**

Locations: Cherry Street Pier, 121 N. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106 & Race Street Pier, Race Street and N. Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Organized by: [Council of Indian Organizations in Greater Philadelphia](#)

Festival of India started in 1993 at Penn's Landing. Celebrate India's Independence Day with various cultural organizations, Northern and Southern-style Indian cuisine, such as chicken tikka masala, lassi, vada pav, and dosa, classical and Bollywood performances, music, shopping, henna tattoos, and more.

#### **Caribbean Festival**

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**12 - 8 PM**

Locations: Cherry Street Pier, 121 N. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106 & Race Street Pier, Race Street and N. Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Organized by: [Caribbean Festival and Cultural Organization of Pennsylvania, Inc.](#)

The 39<sup>th</sup> annual festival represents fifteen Caribbean nations including Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Panama, St. Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, US Virgin

Islands, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago and Puerto Rico. Proceeds obtained from the festival and other annual events are used for charitable undertakings, such as awarding scholarships to Caribbean and Caribbean/American students, attending two-year or four-year colleges; aid to fund-raising hurricane victims; burnt out victims, and bereavement support in the Caribbean/American community.

## **RACE STREET PIER**

Race Street and N. Columbus Blvd.

**Wellness on the Waterfront presented by Independence Blue Cross**

**August 2025: Mondays at 6:00PM, Thursdays at 6:00PM, Sundays at 10:00AM**

Free yoga classes all summer long—enjoy scenic views, a fresh breeze, and a revitalizing workout experience by the waterfront.

**Jonathan Santoro's Exhibition**

**August 1- September 12, 2025**

**Opening Reception Friday, August 1, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**

Experience *Mondo Cane*, a large-scale outdoor sculpture by Philadelphia artist Jonathan Santoro, created for Race Street Pier. Set in the waters of the Delaware River, this thought-provoking piece explores big emotions like fear, sadness, and uncertainty—feelings many of us share during times of change. Free and open to the public. All ages.

About Jonathan Santoro:

Jonathan Santoro is a Philly-based artist known for creating sculptures and installations that explore how people experience disconnection in modern life. His work has been featured in galleries across the country and in publications like *The Brooklyn Rail* and *WHYY*.

*Mondo Cane* is supported by Sachs Arts at the University of Pennsylvania and the Joseph Robert Foundation.

## **INDEPENDENCE BLUE CROSS RIVERRINK SUMMERFEST**

101 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

This season, visitors are invited to “Make Summer Yours” at Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest. One of Philadelphia’s favorite summertime traditions, Summerfest welcomes a lively boardwalk experience, now featuring the return of roller skating in Summer 2025. With amusements including a 60-foot Ferris wheel, double-decker carousel, arcade games, mini-golf, and classic boardwalk eats, Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest gives visitors a taste of the shore without leaving Philadelphia. The site is free and open to the public, but visitors can pay-as-they-go for skating, carnival style fare, mini-golf and games to help each visitor create their own adventure along the Delaware River Waterfront. skating, amusements, food, and drinks are available on a pay-as-you-go basis. Skate admission is \$5, and skate rental is \$12. Reserve now at [RiverRink.com](https://www.riverrink.com).

### **Workshop Wednesdays in the Lodge *\*\*TICKETED EVENT***

**Every Wednesday through August 27, 2025**

**6 – 8 PM**

Hosted by local artists, including the Cherry Street Pier resident artists and programming partners, all ages are welcome to learn a new skill. Workshops are ticketed and require registration.

- Wednesday, August 6: Edith Zapata
- Wednesday, August 13: Make Felted Soap with Bonnie MacAllister. [Register here.](#)
- Wednesday, August 20: Paint and Sip with Walls for Justice. [Register here.](#)
- Wednesday, August 27: Character Design for Manifestation - Drink and Draw Your Future Self! with Shahv Williams. [Register here.](#)

### **Free Bingo Thursday Nights at the Lodge**

**Thursday, August 7, 2025 & Thursday, August 21, 2025**

**7 – 9 PM**

On select Thursdays this summer, enjoy free bingo in our air-conditioned Lodge with friends and family. Win exciting prizes and enjoy the festive, welcoming atmosphere. Don't miss out on the chance to relax, have fun, and take home a prize. All ages are welcome.

### **Planet Rock: '80s-Themed DJ Night at Summerfest – DJ RocDaSpot**

**August 16, 2025**

**7 – 10 PM**

Skate late to the best '80s music and retro rock sounds with this DJ Night at Summerfest. All ages are welcome.

### **Skate with Characters - Moana**

**August 24, 2025**

**2 – 4 PM**

Visitors will skate with their favorite characters from stories, TV, and movies. All ages are welcome.

## **SPRUCE STREET HARBOR PARK**

301 S. Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Spruce Street Harbor Park (SSHP), Philadelphia's urban Waterfront oasis, is a vibrant retreat along the Delaware River that blends laid-back vibes with a distinct Philly flavor. Created and managed by the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC), the seasonal park offers free access to beloved outdoor amenities—including colorful hammocks, floating barges, beautifully lit trees, live music, and entertainment.

More than just a park, SSHP has become a launching pad for Philly's culinary creativity and a hub for local fare, with pay-as-you-go food and drink options. On the national radar and beloved by locals, the park draws visitors from near and far—but its true magic lies in its ability to welcome everyone to unwind and have fun, regardless of background.

**Sunset at Spruce**  
**Saturday, August 2, 2025**  
**3 – 8 PM**

Celebrate Philly's Black and Brown communities at *Sunsets at Spruce*, a free music festival series at Spruce Street Harbor Park and Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest featuring the sounds of R&B, Hip Hop, Dancehall, Afro beats, and more from DJ Twinllamas, DJ YOUNGZA, and DJ Kuya and others - spinning the perfect soundtrack to your summer night in Philly. Enjoy high-energy DJ sets, live artist performances, and gorgeous Waterfront views.

**Family Funday with PopUpPlay**  
**Sundays, August 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2025**  
**1 – 4 PM**

Join us for Family Funday with PopUpPlay, each Sunday from 1 PM to 4 PM. This event is free and open to the public, and all ages are welcome. Activities are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are available while supplies last.

Activities include boat building, puppet making, and even constructing a working catapult. Each week promises captivating experiences for kids of all ages with a new make-and-take activity.

- Friday, Aug 3, 2025: Egg Carton Creatures
- Friday, Aug 10, 2025: Build a Boat- Design a Seaworthy craft

**Jazz Summer Nights**  
**Fridays in August: August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2025**  
**7:30 – 10 PM**

Celebrate the heart and soul of Philadelphia's jazz scene at Jazz Summer Nights, a free concert series spotlighting the city's diverse community of jazz artists. Each Friday in August, the waterfront comes alive with the sounds of two dynamic bands per night, featuring a mix of rising stars and seasoned performers from across the region.

The series wraps up with a performance from the Jack St. Clair Orchestra, a 17-piece big band, followed by an Open Jam Session where local musicians are invited to take the stage. Throughout the month, expect special guest performers enhancing this celebration of jazz, culture, and community.

**August Lineup**  
*(Additional performers to be announced)*

**August 1st**

- The Jillian Ashcraft Band

**August 8th**

- John Dimase Quintet
- Josh Lee and the Extended Family

August 15th

- Lucas Beltran and His Band

August 29th

- Jack St Clair Orchestra, 17 Piece Big Band!
- Open Jazz Jam

### **After Work Sessions**

**Fridays on August: August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2025**

**7:30 – 10 PM**

Come after work for a fun-filled night of music, dancing, performances, food, drinks, and more. Get ready for surprise guest performers, DJ debuts, and giveaways. Start your weekend off right. Curated by Shekhiyah B. of The Women's Coalition for Empowerment, Inc.

- Friday, August 15, 2025: DJ Reddz
- Friday, August 22, 2025: DJ Neeek

### **Summer Sounds Concert Series at Spruce Street Harbor Park**

**Saturday, August 30, 2025 | Dave Hause & The Mermaid**

**7 – 10 PM**

On the last Saturday of each month, join us for a free concert featuring emerging and established bands from the Philadelphia region and beyond. The time varies; the full lineup will be announced soon. All ages are welcome.

Performances curated in partnership with Rising Sun Presents.

### **Live and Local Concert Series in Partnership with 4333 Collective**

**Thursdays in August: August 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2025**

**7 PM**

Kick back on the barge or in the hammock with a refreshing drink and tasty meal, and enjoy performances by local, up-and-coming bands, DJs, and musicians. There will be summer sounds for every taste. Gather your friends, neighbors, and family for this celebration of Philly's best and brightest artists.

This music series is in partnership with [4333 Collective](#), a DIY booking collective based in Philadelphia that books shows and creates a community.

- Thursday, August 7 – Spilly Cave
- Thursday, August 14 - Gladie

- Thursday, August 21
- Thursday, August 28 - Robber Robber
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**DRWC Presents “States of Change” Flag Exhibition**  
**Now through August 31, 2025**

The exhibition features 16 national, international, and Philadelphia-based artists who were selected from a competitive pool of applicants to create pendant flags, which will be on display at Spruce Street Harbor Park running now through August 31. All ages. Free and open to the public.

The "States of Change" outdoor exhibition at Spruce Street Harbor Park features flags that represent themes of transformation, resilience, and perception. These flags highlight the ever-changing nature of urban life and the shifting identities within communities.

Some flags use bright colors and moving images to illustrate how things can change, while others challenge the notion that things always remain the same. Some include pieces of history to help people reflect on hidden stories and how we're all connected, especially during times of change in our cities.

**Austen Camille Weymueller’s “Here, Twice A Day, We Are Held by the Ocean”**  
**Now through October 5, 2025**

Step into a one-of-a-kind art experience along the waterfront. *Here, Twice a Day, We Are Held by the Ocean* is a special installation that combines sculpture and augmented reality (AR) animation, designed to connect you with the rhythms of the Delaware River. Inspired by how the ocean's tides shift the river's waters twice a day, this outdoor artwork brings the story of rising seas and our changing environment to life.

The installation is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. The installation will be located on The Quay at Penn's Landing Marina, adjacent to Spruce Street Harbor Park.

**CHERRY STREET PIER**

121 N. Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

An incubator for creativity, community, and connection, Cherry Street Pier (“CSP”) is a reimagined creative hub on the Delaware River Waterfront. Jointly serving as a year-round venue, working artist studios, and gallery space, Cherry Street Pier brings people together through art, culture, and community. Originally constructed in 1919 as Municipal Pier 9, the reimagined space honors Philadelphia’s industrial Waterfront roots while showcasing the city’s creative future. Stewarded and managed by the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC), it plays a vital role in creating access to Philadelphia urban Delaware River waterfront.

**First Friday presented by Fulton Bank at Cherry Street Pier**  
**Friday, August 1, 2025**  
**4 – 9 PM**

Brought to the Delaware River Waterfront by DRWC, join us at Cherry Street Pier for First Friday presented by Fulton Bank for exhibition openings, artist studio tours, markets, bites and sips from local food vendors, and stunning views of the Delaware River.

**August Lineup:**

**Sistah Soul Series, First Fridays, 7 pm**

- The [Sistah Soul Series](#) is a free, live music event featuring local independent vocal artists from diverse musical genres. It is hosted by Shekhinah B. of The Women's Coalition for Empowerment, Inc. [RSVP for Free.](#)

**Opening: "Mondo Cane" by Jonathan Santoro, Next Door at Race Street Pier, 5 pm to 7 pm**

- Experience [Mondo Cane](#), a large-scale outdoor sculpture by Philadelphia artist Jonathan Santoro, was created for Race Street Pier. Set in the waters of the Delaware River, this thought-provoking piece explores big emotions like fear, sadness, and uncertainty—feelings many of us share during times of change. Free and open to the public. All ages.

**Understories: A Termite TV Collective Exhibition**

- [Understories](#) is a bold new exhibition by the Termite TV Collective, Cherry Street Pier studio artists known for their creative, community-driven approach to video and multimedia art. Featuring experimental films and audiovisual installations, this immersive exhibit invites you to see the world through a different lens—one that breaks rules, asks questions, and opens minds.

**Ticketed: Art History Create and Sip, First Fridays, 7 pm - 9 pm**

- Join resident artist [Amy Kelly](#) (Studio 8) for a lesson about an artist from history and then paint a work inspired by their medium. Contact Amy at [47earrings@gmail.com](mailto:47earrings@gmail.com). The class is held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.—registration is required. Must be 21+ to consume alcohol.

**Artist and Artisans Market, First Fridays, 4 pm - 9 pm**

- Support local artists, creatives, and entrepreneurs at the Artist and Artisans Market. Pick up one-of-a-kind finds at this [one-stop shopping experience.](#)

The class is held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.—registration is required. Must be 21+ to consume alcohol.

**Live More Wellness Expo**  
**Saturday August 9, 2025**  
**12:00PM- 4:00PM**



Experience a day of movement, mindfulness, and creativity at Live More Wellness Day, hosted by Walls For Justice and Live 24HRS. From 12–4 PM, enjoy energizing fitness sessions, yoga, sound baths, and collaborative art activities, alongside a vibrant marketplace featuring local vendors, artists, and wellness products. With live DJ sets, community talks, and a “Wellness Passport” raffle challenge, this event offers something for everyone—whether you're looking to sweat, create, or simply connect.

**Art Classes with Amy Kelly (Studio 8)  
Happening in August 2025**

Looking to learn a new skill? Join resident artist Amy Kelly’s various art classes for all ages and skill levels in Studio 8. Learn everything from painting to drawing and more right here on the Pier. To register for the classes, contact Amy at [47earrings@gmail.com](mailto:47earrings@gmail.com). Amy also provides private art lessons.

**Botanical Dye a Cotton Kerchief Headband  
Sunday, August 17, 2025, from 1 – 3 PM**

Use fresh and dried flowers to naturally dye your own cotton kerchief headband in this vibrant, hands-on workshop inspired by the colors of summer. Cost: \$39.19. [Register here.](#)

**Botanical Wall Hanging  
Sunday, August 24, 2025, 1 – 3 PM**

Design and dye a custom wall hanging using natural botanicals. This workshop blends art and nature for a one-of-a-kind piece perfect for your home. Cost: \$39.19. [Register here.](#)  
Learn more about [Bonnie MacAllister](#) and [register for one of her workshops.](#)

**ABOUT DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT CORPORATION**

DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT CORPORATION (“DRWC”) is a 501(c)(3) created in January 2009, exclusively for the benefit of the City of Philadelphia and its citizens. The fundamental purpose of DRWC is to design, develop, program, and maintain public amenities such as permanent and seasonal parks, trails, and streetscape improvements to transform the Waterfront into a vibrant destination for recreational, cultural, and commercial activities for the residents and visitors of Philadelphia as is consistent with the goals of the Master Plan for the Central Delaware. Daily programming throughout the entire year is changing the way Philadelphians see and converse about the Waterfront and is helping to create spaces and communities that connect residents and visitors to the Waterfront.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.delawareriverwaterfront.com>

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