



Where Great Artists Are Discovered

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**NEWSONG MUSIC RETURNS TO BRYANT PARK FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING SINGER-SONGWRITER SERIES.**

**Monday, May 4, 2009; New York, NY.** Let there be Song. Outdoors. Free. On Wednesday, May 13, the 'NewSong Performing Songwriter Series' returns to Bryant Park for a weekly evening concert series featuring some of today's most promising emerging artists.

"We're delighted to be returning to Bryant Park this year," says NewSong director and co-founder Gar Ragland, "and to introduce to its visitors a roster of very talented singer-songwriters. As a venue, the Park is unparalleled in Manhattan for its beauty as an outdoor performance space, and for its ability to connect artists with many new fans."

Concerts will be held each Wednesday through June 24, and begin at 6:00 PM at the Fountain Terrace in the park.

The 2009 performance schedule:

- May 13 Kagero; Brooklyn, NY [www.kagero.com](http://www.kagero.com)
- May 20 Maureen Andary & Sara Curtin; Washington, DC  
[www.myspace.com/maureenmusic](http://www.myspace.com/maureenmusic)
- May 27 Chuck Costa Madison, CT [www.chuckecosta.com](http://www.chuckecosta.com)  
Benyaro; Brooklyn, NY [www.benyaro.com](http://www.benyaro.com)  
Anne Heaton; Somerville, MA [www.anneheaton.com](http://www.anneheaton.com)
- Jun 3 Jeff Ellis; Huntington, WV [www.myspace.com/jeffellismusic](http://www.myspace.com/jeffellismusic)  
Kelleigh McKenzie; Rosendale, NY [www.kelleighmckenzie.com](http://www.kelleighmckenzie.com)
- Jun 10 Rose Cousins; Halifax, Nova Scotia [www.rosecousins.com](http://www.rosecousins.com)  
Robby Hecht; Nashville, TN [www.robbihecht.com](http://www.robbihecht.com)
- Jun 17 Kevin McGee; Athens, GA [www.kevingmcgeemusic.com](http://www.kevingmcgeemusic.com)  
Joe Crookston; Ithaca, NY [www.joecrookston.com](http://www.joecrookston.com)
- Jun 24 Milton; New York, NY [www.miltonmusic.com](http://www.miltonmusic.com)

"Bryant Park looks forward to a second summer of partnership with NewSong," says Ethan Lercher, Director of Events at the Bryant Park Corporation. "The singer-songwriter series provides the music of budding artists to the visitors of Bryant Park as a way to unwind after work, adding to the variety of park programming offered throughout the day."



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Founded in 2002, NewSong Music is an independent music organization with the following two-fold mission:

- To build a supportive community of performers and songwriters across an array of genres and levels of skill.
- To identify the truly *exceptional* artists within this community, and to work closely with them to develop their careers and introduce their music to a broader, international audience.

NewSong also partners with National Public Radio's Mountain Stage ([www.mountainstage.org](http://www.mountainstage.org)) to produce the annual Mountain Stage NewSong Contest, a performance and songwriting competition designed to identify and promote talented artists. Each year, a select handful of artists are invited to perform on an internationally broadcast Mountain Stage show. Artists on this year's Bryant Park series are all alumni of the program.

Bryant Park Corporation (BPC), a private not-for-profit company, was founded in 1980 to renovate, finance, and operate Bryant Park in New York City. BPC is funded by income from events, concessions, and corporate sponsors, as well as an assessment on neighboring properties, and does not accept government or philanthropic monies. In addition to providing security and sanitation services, and tending the park's lush lawn and seasonal garden displays, BPC provides public amenities and activities, including movable chairs and tables, café umbrellas, restaurants, food kiosks, world-class restrooms, and a wide range of free events throughout the year. The Midtown park, conveniently located at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 40th and 42nd Streets, is visited by over 5 million people each year and is one of the busiest public spaces in the world. BPC's website, [www.bryantpark.org](http://www.bryantpark.org), is available for more detailed information and a schedule of upcoming events.

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