



LABOR DAY WEEKEND

- 09/01 SATURDAY**
DJ Lefty Hernandez
- 09/02 SUNDAY**
DJ RC La Rock &
DJ André Collins
- 09/03 MONDAY**
DJ Rob Scott
-
- 09/08 SATURDAY**
DJ Sky King
- 09/09 SUNDAY**
NO SKATING
Race For the Cure
-
- 09/15 SATURDAY**
DJ Misbehaviour
- 09/16 SUNDAY**
DJ Big Bob
-
- 09/22 SATURDAY**
DJ KL
- 09/23 SUNDAY**
DJ Jay Stewart
-
- 09/29 SATURDAY &
09/30 SUNDAY**
NO SKATING
City Hall/Parks
Department event

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday, Sunday and major holidays in 2012 from April 10th through October 31st. The music plays from 2:45 pm to 6:45 pm.

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The Future

by Lezly Ziering, President Emeritus, CPDSA

As I look back on the days when the CPDSA started, I realize that the people who were there in the beginning won this place for us through hard work, a love for roller skating, and a determination not to lose our place in the park. It took passion, commitment and teamwork to organize, plus patience and intelligence to negotiate with the Parks Department. We had to raise money for permits, sound equipment, and a thousand dollar bond against damage to the area.

It seemed impossible, and many thought we would never succeed, but we all pitched in and did whatever it took. We had to clean up the area, and keep the bad elements—the drug dealers and users, and the drinkers—out of our event.

There were park regulations, city and state laws we had agreed to enforce in our area during our event. We had to stop any violence before it started. There was sound equipment to be maintained, set up and broken down every day, and many other things that needed to be done to keep the music playing and the Skate Circle running, but we all pulled together, and now, eighteen years later we are still rolling.

I'll be eighty years old on my next birthday and after a series of injuries, it is pretty clear that I will probably never be able to skate again. It is hard to do, but I must accept that reality. Many of us who started the CPDSA have reached the point where we are getting tired and need younger people to take

over for us. We must pass the baton along to a new generation. We're counting on them to come up with new ideas and new ways of doing things, while still honoring our best traditions.

We want to look at our legacy with pride for what we have achieved, and to see it thrive and grow. I cannot predict what will change or who will meet the challenges of the future, but I believe that there are others like me, who love skating and love the Skate Circle, and that they will not let us down.

In the meantime, I don't plan on going anywhere, any time soon. I will be here to teach, advise and mentor the new leadership of the CPDSA to keep our dream and our joy alive.



CPDSA skaters welcome international travelers, Skate Lisa & Tammy

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Jose gets down!

The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols, President, CPDSA

July and August flowed together this year — melted together is more like it. One steamy week after another, temperatures in the high 80s and 90s with the possibility of afternoon or evening thundershowers. We've only had one or two weeks of cooler August breezes and now suddenly, it's September. All summer long, the Central Park Dance Skaters have been rolling in our little corner of the park. We skate, we dance on skates and we dance. The music brings us together. We skate to its rhythm, on the beat or off, we move in time with the music and it unites us.

The freedom to play music in the park is what brought the CPDSA into being. In 1995 we fought back when Mayor Guiliani forced us to stop playing music in the park. In the end we won, but we had to sacrifice some of our freedom to get what we wanted. We must apply for permits for every day we are allowed in the park and pay for them. Special Events permits, Amplified Sound permits, TUI permits for fund raising; and the final approval must always come from the Central Park Conservancy.

We can only play during limited hours and we must keep the music below certain decibel levels, obey and enforce all park regulations and clean up the area when we are finished. Despite the limits placed on us, we strive to make the Skate Circle something special and a lot of people think we have succeeded. You can think of it as a good party, some watch, some skate, some dance, but we all listen to the music and are effected by it.

The music unites us and divides us, you can't please all the people all the time. Some skaters like "skate music classics" others want to hear "something from this century". It's up to the DJs to find the right tune for the moment, to feel the vibe and mold the music

to the moment. This is the beauty and genius of having a live DJ mixing; to read the energy of the Circle and direct its flow through the music. It isn't easy and some days are better than others.

We rotate through an ever changing group of DJs, booking the ones who please the skaters and letting others drop or drift away. This year we held an online "DJ Survey," done very scientifically by our Treasurer, Mark Wolf, who has been conducting surveys professionally for 30 years. All members of the CPDSA and subscribers to the weekly CPDSA Skate News e-mail were invited to participate,.

Each DJ is told his or her ranking in the survey, but they do not find out the ranking of any other DJ; so that it does not become a competitive popularity contest, and so that no one is embarrassed in front of their peers or their audience. All of our DJs play for us free of charge and we don't want anyone to be humiliated, or for their egos to be inflated. The only ones to see the results of the survey are the CPDSA board members who form the DJ committee and we use those results to help us choose which DJs to bring back.

We hope that more of you make your opinions heard in next years DJ Survey. We are trying to do everything we can to make the Circle the best that it can be. Thanks must go to the people who keep the Skate Circle running each day we roll out the equipment: Jose Rivera, Tim Smith, Michele Knowles, Ricky Varona, Alex Ortez, John Spotsy, Maria Zulik, Moe Debois, Marco Sepulvado, Tyrone Cloud, Hector Almany, Ed Carvallo and all the others who pitch in and make the Circle work.

The Skate Circle Lives!



DJ Big Bob



DJ RC LaRock



DJ Arson

Thank You 2012 CPDSA New and Renewing Members

The CPDSA thanks all of you who helped make this season possible with your memberships. Here is a list of those of you who have joined or renewed your memberships so far this season.

Page Baker
Annette Bernhardt
Albert Boulanger
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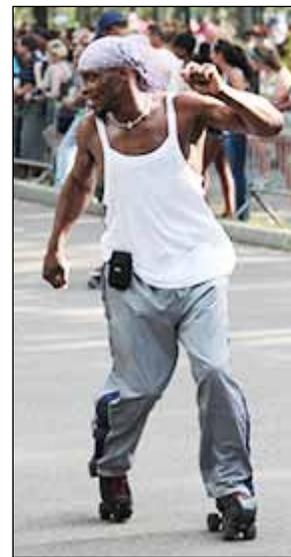
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Amy



Edna, Skate Lisa, Lisa S and Aretha—four of our best skaters—work on a new step.



Curtis

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Contribution:

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New Member Renewal



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