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- Most weekends, April thru October
- 2:45 to 6:45 pm, weather permitting

JUNE DJ SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

05/25	SATURDAY —>DJ Kervyn Mark
05/26	SUNDAY —>DJ Frankie D
05/27	MONDAY —>DJ Mike Dominico
06/01	SATURDAY —>DJ Jammin
06/02	SUNDAY —>DJ Rob Scott
06/08	SATURDAY —>DJ KL
06/09	SUNDAY —>DJ Arson
06/15	SATURDAY —>DJ KWest
06/16	SUNDAY —>DJ La Rock
06/22	SATURDAY —>DJ TBD
06/23	SUNDAY —>DJ TBD
06/29	SATURDAY —>DJ Soul
06/30	SUNDAY —>DJ Dream

Welcome to Our 29th Season!

by Rob Scott, CPDSA President

As we kick off our 29th season in Central Park, we are thrilled to welcome everyone back to what we love to do most: skate in the park! The Central Park Dance Skaters Association (CPDSA) has been a cornerstone of the park's vibrant community, offering a unique, open-air roller skating experience with live DJ music at "The Skate Circle."

Participation and Volunteer Opportunities

This year, we have a plethora of exciting plans, and to make these dreams a reality, we need more participation from the skate community. As a nonprofit organization, we rely heavily on volunteers to keep us rolling smoothly. There are numerous areas where we could use your help, from set-up and breakdown to social media and marketing.

Whether you are a seasoned skater or new to the community, we welcome individuals of all ages, from children to adults.

Documenting Our History

A focus this season is on creating a historical documentation and timeline of our presence in the park. We aim to conduct interviews with skaters who have been part of our journey, and gather videos and pictures of skaters in action.

This initiative will help us preserve and celebrate our rich history and the stories that make our community unique.

Expanding Our Reach

To expand our reach and attract more skaters and enthusiasts, we are exploring the possibility of incorporating rental skates. This initiative is designed to make it easier for newcomers to join us and experience the joy of skating in Central Park. We believe that by providing rental skates, we can open our community to more people who are curious about skating but may not have their own equipment.

Looking Ahead to Our 30th Anniversary

Next year marks our 30th anniversary, and we are dedicated to making it our best year yet. We are currently working on several exciting projects and would love to hear your ideas and suggestions. Your input and active participation are invaluable to us as we celebrate this milestone.

Join us in Central Park for another fantastic season of dance skating. Together, we can make this year memorable and lay the foundation for an incredible 30th-anniversary celebration. Let's keep the wheels turning and the music playing!



Skate Family on 2024 Opening Day

SUPPORT US

Your generous contributions will help pay for permits, sound equipment and other essential costs necessary to keep the *Skate Circle* rolling.

Become a member, renew your membership for 2024 or donate and get discounts to shop online at:

CPDSAmerch.org



With your 2024 membership. Join us and save every time you shop!

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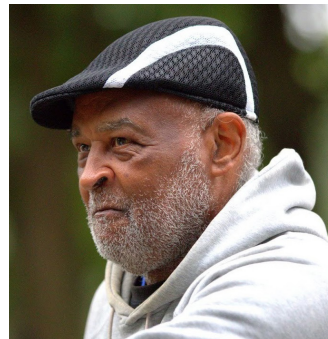
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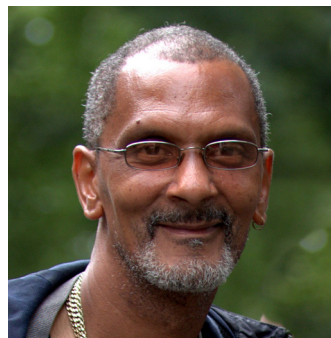
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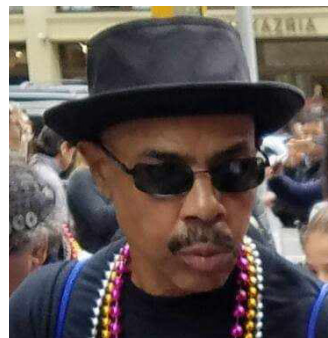
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The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols, CPDSA President 2012-2022

There is a long tradition of roller skating in Central Park. We found a 1936 poster advertising a Halloween Skate on the Mall. The area around the Mall, Bandshell and Skaters Road has remained a place for roller skating since that time.

Mayor Dinkins reached out to us in the early 90s when a renaissance was taking place in Central Park and various organizations wanted to hold events here. A group from the Central Park Conservancy and the Parks department began a dialogue with the skaters to gain our cooperation when big events were scheduled to take place.

A small group of Skaters worked with the Parks department to communicate to the skaters when events were going to take place. In return, we were allowed to get Special Events permits for the days when the park had no other events in our area. This agreement was mutually advantageous: we were free to skate as long as we kept things organized and safe for the public.

In 1995, the newly elected mayor Giuliani was determined to rid the park of roller skating to music. Our skating community was forced to organize. We joined together and fought back. We did whatever was necessary to keep our rights to play music and skate in the park: we formed the CPDSA as a nonprofit 501-c-3 tax exempt corporation. We got all the permits and permissions required. We pitched in and moved the equipment in and out of storage spaces in the park and from outside the park when we had to. We did whatever needed to be done and we did it as a team.

This year is CPDSA's 29th anniversary. Unfortunately, over the years some of us became overconfident. Fewer and fewer people volunteered to help with small tasks of setup and breakdown; small things like sweeping the pavement, moving the benches, putting out the barricades and ropes, hanging up the signs.

The other important work is setting up and connecting the audio equipment. It's pretty simple, setting out and connecting the speakers, feeding the DJs output to our amplifier, the radio transmitter and the antenna. We would like to find people who want to learn to do the skilled work with the sound equipment.

Right now there are only a few people who know the audio system. We need more of you to learn, so that we can always depend on one of us being there. With fewer skaters volunteering, the work falls to a smaller and smaller group of dedicated supporters, that is why we need more of you to be ready to step in, so that we don't let the skaters down.

When the Conservancy took over the management of Central Park, we were grandfathered in for some special rights in the way that our permits are granted to us. Those permits mean that we are empowered to operate within the rules of the park and that we are not threatened with being chased out of the park by another hostile mayoral administration.

Our Grandfathered status also means that we are allowed to keep our gear inside the park, which makes it much easier for us to operate. Our permits allow us guaranteed days and hours of operation. We have a partnership with the park and the City.

Our Skate Circle is a respected community of diverse New Yorkers; playing together and showing the world that friendship and respect can form a bond to create what we call the Skate Family. In this organization, those who do the work get a say in how things are done. We are a participatory Democracy.

Now, with all the improvements we have — like the newly paved surface — we can't allow it to fall apart through apathy and selfishness. We still have problems to solve — like where to charge the batteries that power our sound equipment — and the only ones we can depend on are our skaters. It would be a real shame to lose everything we fought for and the great place we have built. **It's up to you to save it.**

The Skate Circle Lives!

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