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#### ASBURY UNDERGROUND RETURNS!

## THE ASBURY PARK TRADITION, LAST HELD IN 2019, ACTIVATES THE CITY'S ENTIRE DOWNTOWN

# NOW PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PRUDENTIAL PRESENTS NORTH TO SHORE FESTIVAL

Hundreds of musicians, visual artists, comedians and poets to participate in full day of FREE events during revived 'art and music crawl' on Saturday,

June 15

May 20, 2024 — Asbury Park, NJ The Asbury Underground Downtown Art and Music Crawl, a much-loved city tradition which fills the streets of downtown Asbury Park with FREE concerts, comedy shows and poetry readings, will be held again this year for the first time since 2019. This year's crawl will be held on Saturday, June 15 from noon to 7 PM.

The event returns to Asbury Park as a feature of the <u>Prudential presents</u> <u>North to Shore Festival</u>, New Jersey's three-week, three-city celebration of arts and ideas. *North to Shore*, produced by NJPAC, will offer concerts and events across Asbury Park June 10 to June 16.

This year's *Asbury Underground* art and music crawl will include approximately 100 performances — highlighting the work of over 200 musicians and some 50 visual artists, plus scores of poets and comedians, at 33 different venues, including stages dedicated to jazz, spoken word poetry and comedy.

Visitors following the crawl map to all of the event's stages and venues will travel across the city's downtown, into art galleries, coffeehouses, clothing stores, restaurants and other spaces; each stop along the way will offer a display or a performance by an area artist.

"The whole idea, from the inception of *Asbury Underground*, was to bring a broader awareness of just how fertile, in all of the arts, our city truly is," says the founder and producer of *Asbury Underground*, **Patrick Schiavino**, a local artist and the owner of art629 Gallery.

"It is really heartwarming how everyone pitches in to make this all happen. It is an amazing celebration of who we are as a community."

"North to Shore's mission is to turn a spotlight on all the artists and creatives who make New Jersey such a uniquely vibrant place, and Asbury Underground brings so many of them together in one place, at one time. We're so pleased to be part of bringing back this Asbury Park tradition that celebrates this city's incredibly deep artistic bench," says John Schreiber, President and CEO of NJPAC, which is producing North to Shore.

The crawl begins simultaneously at three different venues downtown at noon: <a href="art629">art629</a> Gallery, 629 Cookman Avenue, <a href="Over the Moon Art Studios">Over the Moon Art Studios</a>, 808 Springwood Avenue, and at Lock and Shade Courtyard, Court Square, 608-612 Cookman Avenue. Patrons can progress through the downtown, from any of these three locations, for the rest of the afternoon; performances are scheduled to begin at venues along the path every 15 minutes. All *Asbury Underground* events are free.

This year's crawl features several special events including:

• The Joe Harvard Memorial Stage: A specially curated stage of performers in memory of local musician, artist, author, and "personality" Joe Harvard, an original member of the Asbury Underground crew and recent inductee to the Asbury Angels Hall of Fame. The music will start at 12:30 PM and run till 6 PM at Parlor Gallery, 717 Cookman Avenue. Harvard established The gARTen, a community black-light art garden and gallery, in a vacant lot on the Cookman Avenue corridor. It served as an Asbury Underground performance space for many years.

- Quills and Chills: A Supernatural Soiree with Poe, Crowley, and Yeats, a spoken word event with a mystic flavor, curated by poet Robert Goodman, at The Paranormal Museum, 621 Cookman Avenue, beginning at 4PM.
- The Literally Underground Comedy Show, curated and hosted by comedian Jess Alaimo, will be held in the (surprisingly spacious) basement of Cookman Avenue Italian restaurant Capitoline, from 2 to 3:30 PM. The restaurant is at 639 Cookman Avenue.

A schedule and a map of the crawl route for visitors to follow will be available at the *Asbury Underground* website, <u>asburyunderground.com</u>.

Confirmed performers, crawl map and participant photos available upon request.

For participating artists and the full event schedule visit <u>asburyunderground.com</u>

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#### About the Prudential presents North to Shore Festival

The *Prudential presents North to Shore Festival*, launched in 2023, features all the talent, diversity, and creativity that New Jersey has to offer, packed into three extraordinary weeks of performances, screenings, parties and conversations in three of the state's most iconic cities. Hosted by Asbury Park, Atlantic City and Newark, the *Prudential presents North to Shore Festival* will bring together events at 50+ venues for an over-the-top showcase of Jersey excellence, aligned with Governor Phil Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy's vision of a celebration worthy of the Garden State's long legacy of innovation in the arts, film and technology. In Asbury Park, the festival is sponsored by Prudential Financial, NJEDA, NJM Insurance Group, United Airlines, RWJBarnabas Health, CRDA, Outfront, NJ Division of Travel and Tourism, and Stoli Vodka.

For the latest updates and new concert listings, visit northtoshore.com.

#### ASBURY UNDERGROUND/NORTH TO SHORE SCHEDULE

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024**

#### <u> 12 - 7 PM</u>

- 12:00 **October Man** @ Over the Moon Art Studios, 808 Springwood Avenue
- 12:00 Captain Cream and The Forest Fires @ art629 Gallery, 629 Cookman Avenue
- 12:00 Stringbean @ Lock & Samp; Shade Courtyard, Court Square, 608-612 Cookman Avenue
- 12:15 **George Wirth** @ Artemis Ethos, 722 Cookman Avenue
- 12:15 Ryan Gregg @ Freedom Rocks, 550 Cookman Avenue, #106
- 12:30 Lou Montesano @ Russo Music, 619 Lake Avenue
- 12:30 **Space** @ Motion City Media, Shoppes @ the Arcade, 658 Cookman Avenue
- 12:45 **Pete Scherer** @ Blackbird Presents, 651 Cookman Avenue
- 12:45 Amanda Duncan @ BOHO House, 623 Cookman Avenue
- 1:00 **Songbird** @ Asbury Book Co-op, N2S Event, 644A Cookman Avenue
- 1:00 **Jared Milian** @ Wacky Tobaccy Co., 716 Cookman Avenue
- 1:00 Elliot Maher @ Destination Asbury, 644B, Cookman Avenue
- 1:15 **Big Boss Noff** @ Capitoline Basement, 639 Cookman Avenue
- 1:15 **The Slow Circuit** @ Luxe & Shadows, Shoppes @ the Arcade, 658 Cookman
- 1:30 Anthony Walker @ Confections of a Rockstar, 550 Cookman Avenue, #104
- 1:30 **Drea** @ Over the Moon Art Studios, 808 Springwood Avenue
- 1:45 Val Emmich @ art629 Gallery, 629 Cookman Avenue
- 1:45 Mike Chick/Yawn Mower @ Freedom Rocks, 550 Cookman Avenue, #106
- 2:00 Al Holmes (Jazz) @ Asbury Park Distillery, 527 Lake Avenue
- 2:00 Meg Whalen @ Killer Pies, 649 Mattison Avenue
- 2:00 **Brother Andrew** @ Modern Love Fashion, 701 Bangs Avenue
- 2:15 **Dentist** @ Blackbird Presents, 651 Cookman Avenue
- 2:15 **TBA** @ Vagabond Surf & Co., 611 Cookman Avenue
- 2:30 Levy Okun @ Lock & Shade Courtyard, Court Square, 608-612 Cookman

- 2:30 **Doc Emmet** @ Interwoven, 722 Cookman Avenue
- 2:45 Arlan Feiles @ Freedom Rocks, 550 Cookman Avenue, #106
- 2:45 Natalie Newbold @ Over the Moon Art Studios, 808 Springwood Avenue
- 3:00 **Foes of Fern** @ Motion City Media, Shoppes @ the Arcade, 658 Cookman
- 3:00 **Teen Idle** @ art629 Gallery, 629 Cookman Avenue
- 3:15 Emily Grove @ BOHO House, 623 Cookman Avenue
- 3:15 **Julian Fulton** @ Destination Asbury, 644B, Cookman Avenue
- 3:30 **Sunday Blues** @ Rebel Supply, 550 Cookman Avenue, #107
- 3:30 Colton Kayser @ Café' Volan, 510 Bangs Avenue
- 3:45 **Cole Hallman** @ Blackbird Presents, 651 Cookman Avenue
- 3:45 **Ron Santee** @ Griffey's Organics, 611 Bangs Avenue, 1E
- 3:45 **Jamie Coppa** @ Freedom Rocks, 550 Cookman Avenue, #106
- 4:00 **Vel Johnson (Jazz)** @ Asbury Park Distillery, 527 Lake Avenue
- 4:00 **Natalie Farrell** @ Luxe & Shadows, Shoppes @ the Arcade, 658 Cookman
- 4:00 **Blisstique** @ MOGO, 632 Cookman Avenue
- 4:15 Chad Sabo @ Motion City Media, Shoppes @ the Arcade, 658 Cookman Ave
- 4:15 **NoShows** @ Modern Love Fashion, 701 Bangs Avenue
- 4:30 **Martin Howth** @ Blackbird Presents, 651 Cookman Avenue
- 4:30 **Nicole Atkins** @ art629 Gallery, 629 Cookman Avenue
- 4:45 **Doug Zambon** @ Interwoven, 722 Cookman Avenue
- 4:45 Chris Brown @ Locals Art Space, 408 Main Street
- 5:00 Lex Banko @ Lola's European Café', 539 Cookman Avenue
- 5:00 **Taylor Tote** @ BOHO House, 623 Cookman Avenue
- 5:15 **Pam Flores** @ Sanctum Handmade, 601 Cookman Avenue
- 5:15 **Mel Lyn** @ The Art of the Bean & Leaf, 633 Cookman Avenue
- 5:30 Mark Melicia @ Motion City Media, Shoppes @ the Arcade, 658 Cookman
- 5:30 **Via Crowe** @ Over the Moon Art Studios, 808 Springwood Avenue
- 5:30 **Bobby Mahoney** @ Destination Asbury, 644B, Cookman Avenue
- 5:45 **Lou Panico** @ Baked Bear, 614 Cookman Avenue #4
- 6:00 Erik Kase Romero @ Blackbird Presents, 651 Cookman Avenue
- 6:00 Emerson Woolf @ Artemis Ethos, 722 Cookman Avenue

- 6:15 **Zack Moyle** @ Rebel Supply, 550 Cookman Avenue, #107
- 6:15 Williams Honor @ art629 Gallery, 629 Cookman Avenue
- 6:30 King Ramses @ Wacky Tobaccy Co., 716 Cookman Avenue
- 6:30 Sally Joe Boyd @ Motion City Media, Shoppes @ the Arcade, 658 Cookman
- 6:30 Kuf Notz @ Over the Moon Art Studios, 808 Springwood Avenue

### **SPECIAL EVENT STAGES**

### Joe Harvard Memorial "gARTen" Stage.

12:30PM to 6:00PM Parlor Gallery, 717 Cookman Avenue.
12:30 The Monacchio Boys
1:30 Renee Maskin
2:30 Mike Noordzy's Sleaze Greaze Trio
3:30 Burnt Tavern
4:30 Puppy Grease
5:30 Danger Dub

With special appearances by Xylophone of Wrench and Geenetica previewing her show "She's NorMale"

## **Comedy Stage**

2PM to 3:30PM Capitoline Basement, 639 Cookman Avenue
"The Asbury Underground Literally Underground Comedy Show"
Hosted by: Jess Alaimo

## **Jazz Stage**

2PM to 5PM Homesick, 522 Cookman Avenue

NYC Swingers, "From Central Park to Asbury Park"

## **Spoken Word Stage**

4PM to 5PM Paranormal Museum, 621 Cookman Avenue
"Quills and Chills at Twilight's Verge"
A spoken word hour with Poe, Crowley and Yeats,
Hosted by Robert Goodman