

The National, Luna, Charles Bradley, Rubblebucket, FreshGrass Festival, and Bang on a Can to Headline Summer Season Bursting with Music, Film, and Comedy

Twenty-three international artists probe the concept of wonder.

Classic animated films come alive with live music under the stars, a capella super group Roomful of Teeth returns, deadpan darling Joe Pera brings the laughs, and preview FreshGrass with The Suitcase Junket.

Courtyard C transforms into a Jamaican dance hall, and the museum moves to the North Adams airport for outdoor screening of old-school classic.

NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS — **The National** in concert under the stars on Joe's Field on **June 11**, and the much-anticipated return of rock quartet **Luna** on **May 28**, mark the beginning of a huge summer season at MASS MoCA complete with concerts, film with live music, comedy, a dance party, and two sprawling music festivals. **Bang on a Can's** rollicking stay in July brings 60 vibrant musicians to downtown North Adams for almost three weeks. On **September 16–18**, MASS MoCA celebrates the dog days of summer with the **FreshGrass Festival**, a three-day exploration of roots and bluegrass music that includes family programming, workshops, contests, and local food and drinks. As always in the summer, the galleries teem with new art.

In the Galleries

Of *Explode Every Day: An Inquiry into the Phenomena of Wonder*, curator Denise Markonish has this to say about her 23-artist show: "A true state of wonder agitates, mesmerizes, and shocks. It is a sudden intake of breath, a gaping mouth, a surrender. Viewers should expect to experience something truly new." The exhibition opens with a reception for the artists on **May 28**. On **June 18**, Kidspace opens *Here Comes the Sun*, the works of Colombian-born, Miami-based artist Federico Uribe, whose magical, colorful sculptural menagerie of animals can raise one's spirits, even though some of the imagery is fierce. Anticipating his massive Building 5 exhibition opening in October, *Until*, artist Nick Cave converts the Kidspace ArtBar into a veritable *Kaleidoscopic Playground* — a participatory art-making lab that invites visitors to explore their senses, emotions, and self. An opening celebration, free to the public, takes place with the artists on **Saturday, June 18**, from **11am to 1pm** (followed by a performance by Dan Zanes).

Live Music

On June 11, **The National** takes Joe's Field for the band's only 2016 headline concert in the Northeast (outside of festival appearances). Lauded for its "perfect track record" (*The Independent*) of acclaimed albums and live performances, The National brings over 15 years of music to MASS MoCA's largest venue, just days

after its much-anticipated May 20 release of a 59-track Grateful Dead tribute album, *Day of the Dead. A Lot of Sorrow*, Icelandic artist Ragnar Kjartansson's 6-hour video collaboration with the band, will be on view in the Hunter Center to coincide with the concert.

Beloved indie-rock quartet **Luna** opens the season on Memorial Day weekend in the Hunter Center. *The Guardian* raves, "At their best, it's hard to believe there is any other kind of music besides this simple, graceful, chiming chug."

Unstoppable indie dance masterminds **Rubblebucket** light up the night on **August 27**. One of the most downright fun dance bands of the past decade, the band's electronica flourishes, irresistible grooves, and unexpected arrangements make Rubblebucket concerts feel like parties. Not since James Brown has the world seen the likes of **Charles Bradley**, who has earned widespread recognition as a riveting performer of authentic soul music. This old-school revivalist leaves every ounce on stage on **August 13**. Local favorites and now Grammy-celebrated **Roomful of Teeth** return home to MASS MoCA on **August 19**, pushing the boundaries of the human voice in their captivating and deeply researched exploration of global vocal traditions. Kiss the summer goodbye on **September 3** with the cool, steady, and easy grooves of reggae dancehall legend **Everton Blender**.

Get Close

On **June 25**, artist, tinkerer, tunesmith, and Swamp Yankee **The Suitcase Junket** takes to the alt-cab stage to belt out mountain ballads till the house sings back. MASS MoCA extends its stand-up comedy streak with off-kilter artist **Joe Pera** performing on **July 9**. **Ghost Train Orchestra** swings by the museum on **July 2** to reimagine the wild jazz that poured out of speakeasies in the 1920s. Hip-hop, soul, jazz, and salsa infuse classic ranchero on **August 6** with Latin Grammy nominee **Mariachi Flor de Toloache's** 11-piece band.

Film with Live Music

On **July 16**, fantastical Oscar-nominated film **The Triplets of Belleville** becomes an outrageous live event for the whole family featuring dancing, singing, Foley sound effects, and the original hot swing score performed live by its composer Benoît Charest and his 9-piece Le Terrible Orchestre de Belleville band. Audiences will remember the spectacular **BQE Project** from its dazzling rendition of *Frankenstein* at MASS MoCA over a decade ago; the group returns on **August 20** to present its original live score to the 1924 Buster Keaton film **Sherlock Jr.**

Festivals

The Bang on a Can Summer Music Festival spans three weeks that include daily gallery recitals, late-night, anything goes *Chalet* appearances, **Kids Can Too!** on **July 16**, the annual **Bang on a Can All-Stars** concert on **July 23**, and the **Bang on a Can Marathon** on **July 30** for a 6-hour genre-busting festival finale. The **FreshGrass Festival**, MASS MoCA's annual festival of bluegrass and roots music, takes place on **September 16–18** with headliners Old Crow Medicine Show, Glen Hansard, Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, The Devil Makes Three, Rosanne Cash, The Infamous Stringdusters, and many more. Over 50 bands in all!

For Families

MASS MoCA takes over the North Adams airport on **July 1**, when ***Around the World in 80 Days*** screens on the largest movie screen in New England — the door of an airplane hangar! **Dan Zanes'**

Lead Belly Project is in town on **June 18** (following the opening reception for Kidspace's *Here Comes the Sun*) to dive headlong into the music of iconic American folk and blues legend Lead Belly in a concert for kids that parents will also love.

Beer Garden & Bright Ideas

Throughout the summer join us on Thursday evenings starting at 5:30pm for drinks and conversation in artist Dean Baldwin's *The Chalet*, our art-installation-cum-outdoor-beer-garden. On Friday evenings, the talking and drinking (and music) continue at the new Bright Ideas Brewery in MASS MoCA's Courtyard A.

Buy Now, Save Money

MASS MoCA discounts tickets 25% for summer 2016 performances when purchased by May 4. Discounts do not include festivals, camps, tickets to The National, or \$5 member tickets. Discounts do not combine, and discounted tickets are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

Tickets for all events are available through the MASS MoCA box office located on Marshall Street in North Adams, open 11am to 5pm every day except Tuesdays through June 24, 2016. Beginning June 25, the box office will be open 10am to 6pm every day, with extended evening hours to 7pm on Thursdays through Saturdays. Tickets can also be charged by phone by calling 413.662.2111 x1 during box office hours or purchased online at massmoca.org. All events are held rain or shine.

Season at a Glance, by Date

Date	Time	Event	Type
May 28	8pm	Luna	Hunter Center Concert
June 11	8pm	The National	Joe's Field Concert
June 18	2pm	Dan Zanes' Lead Belly Project	Music For Kids
June 25	8pm	The Suitcase Junket	Live Music
July 1	8:30pm	Movie at the Airport: <i>Around the World in 80 Days</i>	Film & Cookout
July 2	8pm	Ghost Train Orchestra	Live Music
July 9	8pm	Joe Pera	Stand-Up Comedy
July 16	11:30am	Kids Can Too!	Music-Making For Kids
July 16	8:30pm	<i>The Triplets of Belleville</i> with Le Terrible Orchestre de Belleville	Film with Live Music, Sound Effects, and Dancing
July 23	8pm	Bang on a Can All-Stars play Brian Eno's <i>Music for Airports</i>	Hunter Center Concert
July 30	4pm	Bang on a Can Marathon	6 Hours of Music, Food, and Drinks
August 6	8pm	Mariachi Flor de Toloache	Live Music & Dancing
August 13	8pm	Charles Bradley	Live Music
August 19	8pm	Roomful of Teeth	Live Music
August 20	8:30pm	Buster Keaton's <i>Sherlock Jr.</i> with Live	Film with Live Music,

August 27	8pm	Score by the BQE Project Rubblebucket	Courtyard C (or Club B10) Courtyard C Concert (or Hunter Center)
September 3	8pm	Everton Blender	Dance Party
September 16–18	3 Days	FreshGrass Festival	Bluegrass and Roots Music Festival

Images

High-resolution images of MASS MoCA's summer 2016 events are available through this link:
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About MASS MoCA

MASS MoCA is one of the world's liveliest (and largest) centers for making and enjoying today's most important art, music, dance, theater, film, and video. Hundreds of works of visual and performing art have been created on its 19th-century factory campus during fabrication and rehearsal residencies, making MASS MoCA among the most productive sites in the country for the creation and presentation of new art. More platform than box, MASS MoCA strives to bring to its audiences art experiences that are fresh, engaging, and transformative.

MASS MoCA's galleries are open from 11am to 5pm every day except Tuesdays through June 24, 2016. Beginning June 25, the galleries will be open 10am to 6pm every day, with extended evening hours to 7pm on Thursdays through Saturdays. The Hall Art Foundation's Anselm Kiefer exhibition is seasonal and reopens April 30, 2016. Gallery admission is \$18 for adults, \$16 for veterans and seniors, \$12 for students, \$8 for children 6 to 16, and free for children 5 and under. Members are admitted free year-round. For additional information, call 413.662.2111 x1 or visit massmoca.org.