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Skirball Cultural Center announces expansion of virtual concert series connecting Los Angeles talents with musical acts around the world

SKIRBALL STAGES

Streaming FREE on YouTube | RSVP at skirball.org/skirball-stages

Boundary-pushing artists innovate upon a variety of traditions— from South Indian Carnatic music to Danish klezmer, from folk-meets-funk Americana to Afro-Mexican beats and the traditional rhythms of Bahia, Brazil

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LOS ANGELES, CA—The Skirball Cultural Center announces three additional performances in the virtual series **Skirball Stages**, to be streamed on the Skirball’s YouTube channel. The celebratory concert films pair talents from the local music scene with national and international acts originally booked for the Skirball’s Sunset Concerts 2020 season, which was cancelled when COVID-19 restricted world travel and large public gatherings. Reimagining its musical programming to create a new form of storytelling, the Skirball offers audiences globe-spanning evenings of modern music, with sets filmed spectator-free in the Skirball’s idyllic courtyard and on stages around the world.

The Skirball Stages schedule is as follows: **Aditya Prakash Ensemble and Rini** (premiering Saturday, September 26, 8:00 pm PT); **Dustbowl Revival and Mames Babegenush** (premiering Saturday, October 24, 8:00 pm PT); and **Las Cafeteras and Xênia França** (premiering Saturday, November 21, 8:00 pm PT). More than just performance, each concert film takes viewers behind the scenes for a look at the artists’ musical processes, aspirations, and hopes for the future. RSVPs are recommended: skirball.org/skirball-stages.

The expansion of the virtual concert series follows the August 29 premiere of [Skirball Stages: Gavin Turek and Ak Dan Gwang Chil, now streaming on YouTube](#) through November 29. This first pairing featured LA singer-songwriter **Gavin Turek**, who took the stage at the Skirball, and South Korean folk ensemble **Ak Dan Gwang Chil**, in a set filmed in their hometown of Seoul.

To complement the Skirball Stages viewing experience for Angelenos, the Skirball also expands its carry-out culinary experience, **Skirball Suppers**. Before settling in for each concert premiere, locals are invited to preorder and pick up a three-course meal prepared by the Skirball’s hospitality team. Preorders are required: skirball.org/skirball-suppers.

MORE ABOUT THE ARTISTS

ADITYA PRAKASH ENSEMBLE AND RINI

Premiering Saturday, September 26, 8:00 pm (PT)

Enjoy an evening of American music from the Indian diaspora. Combining classical ragas, chants, and rhythms with brass band arrangement, jazz harmony, and hip-hop–infused beats, the LA-based [Aditya Prakash Ensemble](#) impresses with an improvisational flow. Be serenaded by frontman Aditya Prakash, an accomplished Carnatic virtuoso known for his powerful and emotive voice. Across the country, performing in her New York City studio, composer and violinist [Rini](#) serves up a unique blend of electronica and bass-heavy art rock with her band. Pulling from musical traditions in India and the US, both the Aditya Prakash Ensemble and Rini transcend genre to create music wholly their own.

DUSTBOWL REVIVAL AND MAMES BABEGENUSH

Premiering Saturday, October 24, 8:00 pm (PT)

LA darlings [Dustbowl Revival](#) return to the Skirball with special guest **Lashon Halley** for a spirited and celebratory performance. Following the release of their ambitious 2020 album, *Is It You, Is It Me*, the funky folk band delights with big, orchestral arrangements and goosebump-inducing harmonies. Across the Atlantic, [Mames Babegenush](#) takes us on a tour of the Port of Copenhagen before setting up for a lively outdoor performance. Get ready to dance along to the popular klezmer band’s innovative mix of traditional Ashkenazi Jewish and Eastern European folk.

LAS CAFETERAS AND XÊNIA FRANÇA

Premiering Saturday, November 21, 8:00 pm (PT)

Telling modern-day stories of Chicana life in Southern California, East LA favorites [Las Cafeteras](#) take the stage at the Skirball to kick off the final installment of Skirball Stages. Get down to their uplifting blend of Afro-Mexican beats, hip-hop, and rancheras. Greeting us from a set filmed exclusively for the series in Brazil is Latin Grammy–nominated singer [Xênia França](#), inviting audiences to soak up the traditional rhythms of Bahia, mixed with a pulsing blend of electronica, jazz, and R&B. A prominent member of her local art scene, França captivates with smooth vocals and creative verve.

For streaming details and to RSVP, visit skirball.org/skirball-stages.

Following each concert debut, Skirball Stages will be available to view on demand on the Skirball’s YouTube channel.

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The carry-out Skirball Suppers are a delicious complement to Skirball Stages. Designed by the Skirball’s Executive Chef, Sean Sheridan, the September 26 prix-fixe menu draws inspiration from the flavors and ingredients of Indian cuisine, in reference to the ancestry of Aditya Prakash and Rini. As part of the Skirball Suppers offering, recipes for select dishes in the menu will also be provided free online for at-home preparation. Skirball Suppers are \$42 per person (exclusive of wine).

Preorders for the September 26 meal are required by September 23 at 4:00 pm. Curbside, no-contact pick-up takes place on September 26, 5:00–7:15 pm at the Skirball. To view the menu and preorder, visit skirball.org/skirball-suppers. Menus for the subsequent concert nights will be announced at a later date.

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About the Skirball

The Skirball Cultural Center is a place of meeting guided by the Jewish tradition of welcoming the stranger and inspired by the American democratic ideals of freedom and equality. We welcome people of all communities and generations to participate in cultural experiences that celebrate discovery and hope, foster human connections, and call upon us to help build a more just society.

Visiting the Skirball

The Skirball Cultural Center is located at 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049. It is temporarily closed in support of community efforts to slow and contain the spread of COVID-19.

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