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The Utah Arts Festival announces updated musical headliners for the 2026 Utah Arts Festival on June 18-21.



May 29, 2026 – Salt Lake City, Utah: The Utah Arts Festival will take place June 18-21, 2026, the largest multi-disciplinary outdoor arts festival in Utah, with 170+ visual artists, 20+ demonstrating and graffiti mural artists, 100+ live performances including music, dance, theatre, and literary artists, and much more. Due to unforeseen circumstances, two of our previously announced musical headliners had to cancel their performances at the Festival. Replacements include **Digable Planets, performing Thursday, June 18,** and **Rubblebucket performing Sunday, June 21.** Find info about each artist below as well as other headliners previously announced.

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Headlining Musical Acts

From chart-topping hits from hip hop records *Reachin'* and *Blowout Comb*, **Digable Planets** has been making a name for themselves in the scene since 1992. Comprised of members Ishmael Butler (“Butterfly”), Craig Irving (“Doodlebug”), and Mary Ann Vieira (“Ladybug Mecca”) the trio is considered one of the most experimental hip hop artists of their time with their unique jazz-informed sound. Their influence still stands today in young jazz musicians and hip hop artists alike. Celebrating over 30 years of music, **Digable Planets will kick off the festival Thursday night, June 18.**

Six-time GRAMMY-nominated artist, songwriter, and actor, **Yola** has achieved critical acclaim, breakout success, and has been proclaimed as one of the most exciting and innovative artists in music today. Following the success of her acclaimed 2021 album “Stand For Myself,” which landed two additional Grammy nominations, acclaim from *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *W Magazine*, *Variety*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *NPR Music*, who proclaimed it “the best soul album of the last 20 years.” She’s been noted by *Variety* as “one of the greatest and most magnetic singers working today.” Yola will perform on the Festival Stage on **Friday, June 19.**

Austin-based musician Alejandro Rose-Garcia, aka **Shakey Graves**, shows his knack for creating new musical experiences tailored to each fan, from Bandcamp-exclusive releases to hosting interactive scavenger hunts while he’s touring. “The fans and musicians that really resonate with me—and the inexplicable ways that I find things that I like—are usually entirely through randomness and chaos and accident,” Rose-Garcia says. “I’ve always been on this quest to make people feel like my own music is a choose your own adventure.” His live performances are energetic and engaging, unpredictable and intimate. Headlining on **Saturday, June 20**, Shakey Graves will, yet again, share an adventure with the music-lovers of Utah.

Rubblebucket, is a co-creative band begun by duo Kalmia Traver and Alex Toth, first as a friendship formed as jazz students at the University of Vermont and now a full-piece band. The band takes inspiration from Psychedelia and electric dance music spectrums, intertwining all musical genres into a groovy and deep sound that is their own. Since their beginnings in 2010, Rubblebucket has worked alongside other well-known musical experimentalists like Arcade Fire and Scissor Sisters as well as self-curating Dream Picnic Festival which tours worldwide from Bonnaroo to

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Glastonbury. Rubblebucket performs on **Sunday, June 21**, with eclectic tunes that will leave festival fans wanting more.

In addition to the music headliners, **BANDALOO** returns to the Festival as part of our 50th anniversary celebration. Internationally acclaimed pioneers of vertical dance, BANDALOO will once again transform the striking 240-foot-high curving glass façade of the Salt Lake City Main Library into a breathtaking stage for aerial choreography—a site-specific spectacle that has become one of the Festival's most beloved and talked-about experiences. BANDALOO performs nightly, Thursday, June 18 to Saturday, June 20.

Festival general admission includes all these headliners and more. For an upgraded experience, a limited number of tickets are available to the VIP Patio adjacent to the Festival Stage offering the best views for fans of these artists.

Event Details:

- **Dates:** June 18-21, 2026
- **Hours:** June 18, 5 PM-11 PM; June 19-21, Noon to 11:00 PM daily
- **Location:** Civic Center (aka Library Square), Salt Lake City
- **Features:** Visual arts, live music, dance performances, film screenings, demonstrating artists, workshops, and more
- **Headliner Info & VIP Tickets:** uaf.org/headliners
- **General Admission Tickets:** uaf.org/tix - Kids 12 and under get in free

About The Utah Arts Festival

The Utah Arts Festival is the largest outdoor multi-disciplinary arts event in Utah attracting more than 42,000 attendees, 900 volunteers, 800 artists and bands who come to experience its unique blend of visual arts, live performances, film screenings, demonstrating arts, workshops, and culinary arts. One of Utah's legacy events in its 50th year, the Festival will be held June 18-21, 2026 at Library Square and City & County Building, the unofficial kick-off to summer in Utah.

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