



## Boston Calling Shares New Details About the Festival's Arena Stage

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ALL-STAR COMEDY, BOSTON BALLET, AND EVENING PERFORMANCES BY FEMALE HIP-HOP ARTISTS AND DJs ALL UNDER ONE ROOF



Boston Calling Arena Lineup



BOSTON CALLING TO TAKE PLACE MAY 24 – 26, 2019

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BOSTON, March 21, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Boston Calling**, celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> edition this year on Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 – 26, and headlined by **Twenty One Pilots** (Friday), **Tame Impala** (Saturday), and **Travis Scott** (Sunday), reveals more exciting details about the bevy of artists set to take over the festival's Arena stage. Fans will be treated to one-of-a-kind performances from **Boston Ballet**, one of the most iconic dance companies in the world. In addition, all-star comedians **Fred Armisen**, **Jenny Slate**, and **Michael Che** will headline the Arena stage. At night, fans can enjoy performances from hip-hop artists and DJs including electronic artist and rising star **Yaeji**; female rappers **Princess Nokia** and **Dessa**; and DJ

sets from internationally known electro-funk duo **Chromeo**, and hip-hop electro sensation **Naeem**. Please find further details below.

#### FRIDAY

Friday at the Arena will see comedic sets from **Fred Armisen** and Boston hometown standup favorites **Sam Jay** and **Lamont Price**. As the sun goes down, fans can retreat to the Arena for an electro-beat filled performance from **Yaeji** and sets from **Naeem** and **DJ Frank White**.

#### SATURDAY

Saturday shines with the debut of **Boston Ballet** at Boston Calling. Attendees will be treated to an excerpt from legendary choreographer **William Forsythe's Playlist (EP)** set to R&B star **Khalid's** "Location." Boston Ballet premiered *Playlist (EP)* as part of the Full on Forsythe program in March, starring powerhouse dancers and set to a soundtrack with hits from pop, dance, and R&B charts. Additionally, attendees will experience an original work for two Boston Ballet dancers by **Yury Yanowsky**, choreographer, former principal dancer of Boston Ballet, and faculty member at Harvard University, set to **Wilsen's** "Final."

Hometown local **Jenny Slate** will deliver a headlining set of comedy while **Imogen Heap** will return to Boston for the first time in nine years to present a special spoken word performance featuring her groundbreaking Mi.Mu gloves, a revolutionary technology that produces sound by capturing movement and hand gestures. Standup sensation **Marina Franklin** will also bring her act to the Arena, and **Lamont Price** will return to the stage to keep the laughs going. Following the stellar dance and comedy, **Princess Nokia** and **Dessa** will perform pop culture rhymes while **Naeem** will return for a DJ set.

#### SUNDAY

*SNL's* **Michael Che** and **Melissa Villaseñor** will both take to the mic on Sunday while the day's **Boston Ballet** performances in the Arena will feature the return of **Yanowsky's Final** and a new work choreographed by Boston Ballet artist, **Sage Humphries**, set to an original score by **Michael Humphries**, the artist behind *Future Self*, and brother of Sage. **Imogen Heap** also returns on Sunday to perform.

On Sunday night, **Chromeo** will spin their funky beats in a DJ set. The full-on Sunday evening dance party will also star hip-hop electro phenom **Kilo Kish** and **DJ Joshua Carl**.

In addition to performances on the Arena stage, fans will be able to enjoy Boston Ballet performances on the festival's Green stage on Saturday and Sunday.

Boston Calling's 2019 day-to-day lineup, including the expanded Arena performances is as follows (lineup and artists are subject to change). Performance times are to be announced.

#### Friday May 24, 2019

Twenty One Pilots  
Greta Van Fleet  
Janelle Monáe  
Lord Huron  
Christine and The Queens  
Tank and The Bangas  
Mura Masa  
Gang of Youths  
Turnstile  
Pale Waves  
Adia Victoria

#### Arena:

Fred Armisen  
Yaeji  
Sam Jay  
Naeem  
Lamont Price  
DJ Frank White

#### Saturday May 25, 2019

Tame Impala  
ODESZA  
Anderson .Paak & The Free Nationals  
Hozier  
Big Red Machine  
King Princess  
Mitski  
Clairo  
Denzel Curry  
Young Fathers  
Superorganism  
Shame  
Pile  
White Reaper  
Sasha Sloan  
Sidney Gish  
Boston Ballet

#### Arena:

Jenny Slate  
Princess Nokia  
Imogen Heap  
Boston Ballet  
Dessa  
Marina Franklin  
Lamont Price  
Naeem (DJ Set)

**Sunday May 26, 2019**

Travis Scott  
Logic  
Brandi Carlile  
Sheck Wes  
Rainbow Kitten Surprise  
Marina  
Guster  
Snakehips  
Snail Mail  
SOB x RBE  
Ravyn Lenae  
Cautious Clay  
Rolling Blackouts Coastal Fever  
SKEGSS  
Easy Life  
Boston Ballet

**Arena:**

Michael Che  
Chromeo (DJ Set)  
Imogen Heap  
Boston Ballet  
Kilo Kish  
Melissa Villaseñor  
Lamont Price  
DJ Joshua Carl

Images of 2019 Boston Calling artists and highlight images from the previous nine festivals can be found [here](#).

Further details on Boston Calling's visual art, as well as more information about the festival's food and drink components, will be shared in the coming months.

Boston Calling is proud to have Delta Air Lines, Samuel Adams, Miller Lite, JBL, Barefoot Wine, 47 Brand, and Vans as sponsors for this year's festival.

**Tickets:** A limited number of Single Day and Three-Day General Admission, VIP and Platinum VIP Passes are on sale now at [www.bostoncalling.com](http://www.bostoncalling.com).

**Getting There:** Boston Calling is best accessed by the T on the Red Line's Harvard Square stop; from there, it is a short walk to the festival's main entrance. Boston Calling will also be coordinating with taxi and rideshare programs for safe and easy pickup and drop off points. There will also be bike racks available onsite. Onsite parking is available only to Platinum VIP package purchasers.

Boston Calling is produced by **Boston Calling Events LLC (BCE)** which is owned by **Crash Line Productions** and **The Madison Square Garden Company**.

**Crash Line Productions** is a Boston-based entertainment production company that owns and produces dozens of events each year. Formed in 2012 by Brian Appel and Mike Snow, Boston Calling Events continues to build its event platform around Boston Calling Music Festival.

Boston Calling Events is part of **The Madison Square Garden Company (MSG)**, a world leader in live sports and entertainment experiences. The company presents or hosts a broad array of premier events in its diverse collection of iconic venues: New York's Madison Square Garden, Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall and Beacon Theatre; the Forum in Inglewood, CA; The Chicago Theatre; and the Wang Theatre in Boston. Other MSG properties include legendary sports franchises: the New York Knicks (NBA), the New York Rangers (NHL) and the New York Liberty (WNBA); two development league teams – the Westchester Knicks (NBAGL) and the Hartford Wolf Pack (AHL); and esports teams through Counter Logic Gaming, a leading North American esports organization, and Knicks Gaming, MSG's NBA 2K League franchise. In addition, the Company features the popular original production – the *Christmas Spectacular Starring the Radio City Rockettes* – and through Boston Calling Events, produces New England's preeminent Boston Calling Music Festival. Also under the MSG umbrella is TAO Group, a world-class hospitality group with globally-recognized entertainment dining and nightlife brands: Tao, Marquee, Lavo, Avenue, Beauty & Essex and Vandal. More information is available at [www.themadisonsquaregardencompany.com](http://www.themadisonsquaregardencompany.com)

**About Boston Ballet**

Since 1963, Boston Ballet's internationally acclaimed performances of classical, neo-classical, and contemporary ballets, combined with a dedication to world-class dance education and community initiatives, have made the institution a leader in its field, with a 55-year history of promoting excellence and access to dance.

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen and Executive Director Meredith (Max) Hodges, the Company maintains a diverse repertoire,

ranging from full-length ballets to new works by some of today's finest choreographers. Boston Ballet's second company, Boston Ballet II, is comprised of dancers who gain experience by performing with the Company and independently, presenting special programs to audiences throughout the Northeast.

Boston Ballet School, the official school of Boston Ballet, has a long-standing dedication to providing exceptional dance education and ballet training to students across three studios in Boston, Newton, and the North Shore. Led by Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen and Director Margaret Tracey, the School reaches more than 5,000 students (toddler to adult) each year through its five core programs: Pre-Professional Program, Classical Ballet Program, Children's Program, Adaptive Dance Program, and Adult Dance Program.

Boston Ballet's Education and Community Initiatives provide programming, events, and activities that connect the community to dance. Community programs reach more than 4,000 individuals in Boston and the surrounding communities each year through Citydance, ECI on Location, workshops, and trainings.

For more information, please visit [bostonballet.org](http://bostonballet.org).

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