

Beginning Thursday, June 9, NJPAC swings into summer with *Brick City Swing* – a new summer event series that’s bound to become the hottest dance party in the State. From 6-10pm, NJPAC invites the public to convene at Theater Square, NJPAC’s three-acre public plaza, for free live music and dancing – complete with on-site dance instruction. Scheduled for Thursday nights from June 9 through June 30, *Brick City Swing* will feature a diverse sampling of music and dance styles, from Swing to Latin to Afro Pop, with different guest artists and dance instructors each week. *Brick City Swing* will offer a platform for some of New Jersey’s finest artists – and is sure to bring all the energy and outdoor fun of the summer season to downtown Newark. *Brick City Swing* is free and open to the public. Food and beverages will be available for purchase in Theater Square and at NJPAC’s outdoor café, Calçada. And don't forget to bring along your favorite dance partner – a prize for the “Most Spirited Dance Couple” will be awarded at the conclusion of each *Brick City Swing* performance.



BRICK CITY SWING SCHEDULE
THURSDAY EVENINGS, JUNE 9-30, 6:00PM-10:00PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Latin Night

Music by Manny Oquendo and Orchestra Libre

Dance Instruction by Smiling David and PZAZZ Dance Company

Manny Oquendo drives home the beat of the streets with his dynamic timbale playing and his Orchestra Libre, an ensemble directed by renowned bass player Andy Gonzalez. Come be moved by the fierce and stirring sounds of authentic New York *son*.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Afro Pop Night

Music by [Wunmi](#)

Dance Instruction by Wunmi and Dancers

Born in London, raised in Lagos, and now based in Brooklyn, [Wunmi](#) has become known throughout the area for her infectious vocals and high-energy dance moves. With her band of musicians and dancers, she’s sure to keep the party jumping.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Swing Night

Music by the [Full Count Big Band](#)

Dance Instruction by Ken Boston and Pamela Berberich

The [Full Count Big Band](#) is an 18-piece big band consisting of sax, trombone, trumpet and rhythm section. Under the direction of Ken Fink, the ensemble plays a wide range of big band styles, including the nostalgic style of the 1940’s and the classic styles popularized by Duke Ellington and The Count Basie Orchestra.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Swing Night

Music by [City Rhythm Orchestra](#)

Dance Instruction by Ken Boston and Pamela Berberich

The sizzling sounds of the [City Rhythm Orchestra](#) move audiences to jump and jive! Be ready to swing the night away with this upbeat performance of big band favorites – from Duke Ellington to Ella Fitzgerald to Frank Sinatra.