



Sol y Sombra Spanish Dance Company Headlines Festival del Amor at Patchogue's Summer of Love

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An evening of dance, music and live art takes place on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 5 to 10 p.m. and caps the [Patchogue Arts Council's](#) Summer of Love. [Festival del Amor](#), held in the Patchogue Garden Club Garden, located at the intersection of Terry Street and South Ocean Avenue, gets things started with a featured performance of flamenco by [Sol y Sombra](#).

Instead of Long Island, imagine a sultry evening in Spain's Andalusia. From a courtyard garden hung thick with bougainvillea comes the strum of a guitar, the wail of a Roma singer, and the exciting staccato heels of a flamenco dancers. Sol y Sombra Spanish Dance Company will take the audience there as they present a fiery performance of flamenco music, song, and dance.



Sol y Sombra Spanish Dance Company. Courtesy of Patchogue Arts Council.

Festival del Amor will also include a performance by [Steel Impressions](#), a steel drum band. A pop up gallery exhibition, presented in collaboration with Projecting Arts, and a sculpture walk in the Patchogue Garden Club Garden adds an interactive element to the evening. Sculpture on view includes works by [Bill Shillalies](#), [Anti Liu](#), Rich Belsky with Michael Ahrens, [Laurence Lee](#), Susan Abraham, J. Valentin aka Ratgrri, John A. Bell and winning entries from Blue Point Brewery's Log Jam 8, featuring painted wooden log sculptures. "The Summer of Love" sculpture installation remains on view through September 30, 2017.

Mere footsteps away from the Patchogue Garden Club is the Patchogue Arts Council Gallery. On view is the group show "Patchworks 2017," with work selected by Hamptons Art Hub managing editor Pat Rogers. It remains on view through September 3, 2017. Around the corner is the public mural Summer of Love by John Hollingworth. Located on the Patchogue-Medford Library wall facing Artspace, find it along Terry Street. It remains on view through September 3, 2017.

Festival del Amor also includes live painting by [Amanda Reilly](#) and drawing by the Patchogue Arts Council Sketch Club.



Amanda Reilly. Courtesy of Patchogue Arts Center.

The family-friendly event features a book reading from 6 to 6:30 p.m. by “[Lost and Found Cat!](#)” by co-author Amy Shrodes. The children’s book tells the true story that led to the book, which was a New York Times Featured Selection, according to the Patchogue Arts Council. The reading is sponsored by Projecting Arts, which identifies, promotes, and supports artistic expressions within a Latin American context by fostering innovative collaborations throughout the New York Metropolitan area.



“Lost and Found Cat.” Courtesy of Patchogue Arts Center.

For some added fun, be on the scene at 9 p.m. for the flash mob event “Freeze with us!” Festival del Amor hosts the first annual Patchogue Freeze where participants are requested to strike a pose for 30 seconds. The event is a co-project of the Patchogue Arts Council, L.I. Against Domestic Violence with the Village of Patchogue and Town of Brookhaven.

Festival del Amor is part of the Patchogue Arts Council’s Summer of Love Festival 1967 – 2017, a season-long event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love. For a complete list of Summer of Love events, visit www.patchoguearts.org. In case of rain, Festival del Amor will be held on Sunday, August 20, 2017 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Sol y Sombra Spanish Dance Co

Sol y Sombra Spanish Dance Co. was established over 25 years ago to promote the exciting art of Hispanic/Latin music & dance. Under the artistic direction of Maria Loreta, the company presents programs of Flamenco, Spanish Classical & Folk, Mexican, Argentine Tango and Latin Dance styles as well as traditional dances from throughout the Hispanic/Latin world for concert series, arts-in-education programs, colleges, and cultural and entertainment centers.

Sol y Sombra’s members are recognized as outstanding professionals in the field of Hispanic music & dance and have performed extensively both nationally and internationally. In recognition of its quality, value, and achievements. For information, visit www.solysombra.org.

Patchogue Arts Council

The Patchogue Arts Council, Inc., was formed to encourage, support, and promote the arts while

aiding in the revitalization and sustainability of the community. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, their focus is to serve the greater south shore of the Town of Brookhaven on Long Island. In Patchogue, the arts council operates several art exhibition spaces including the Patchogue Arts Council Gallery, an outdoor seasonal sculpture garden and pop up spaces at Patchogue Theatre Gallery and Toast Coffee House, both located on Main Street in Patchogue, N.Y.

Patchogue Arts Council, Inc. is located at 20 Terry St., Suite 116, Patchogue NY. Visit them on Thursdays and Fridays from 2 to 7:30 p.m. and on weekends from 1 to 5 p.m. For information, visit www.patchoguearts.org, call 631-627-8686, or email info@patchoguearts.org

BASIC FACTS: Festival del Amor will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 6 to 10 p.m. in Patchogue on Long Island, N.Y. The outdoor festival takes place at the Patchogue Garden Club Garden, located at the intersection of Terry Street and South Ocean Avenue, in Patchogue, N.Y. In case of rain, the event takes place on Sunday, August 20, 2016 from 6 to 10 p.m.

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