



EVENTS SCHEDULE

6/6: SATURDAY DJ e

6/7: SUNDAY DJ Jay Stewart

6/13: SATURDAY

DJ Lefty Hernandez

6/14: SUNDAY No Skating -
Puerto Rico Day Parade

6/20: SATURDAY DJ Sky

6/21: SUNDAY 4pm start
Rikky Rivera

6/27: SATURDAY

DJ Jordan & DJ Andrew F

6/28: SUNDAY DJ Alchemy
& DJ Misbehaviour

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

7/4: SATURDAY DJ e

7/5: SUNDAY DJ Julio

7/6: SUNDAY DJ Moderno

7/11: SATURDAY DJ Jay Hunter

7/12: SUNDAY DJ Mike Dominico

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday,
Sunday and major holiday
in 2009 from April 12th through
October 26th. The music plays
from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

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Our 15th Season

by Lezly Ziering, President/Chairman - CPDSA

As we enter our 15th season, I think of the odd way our anniversaries play out. Yes, we are beginning our 15th season but celebrating our 14th anniversary this July 4th. How is that? Easily explained - 1995 was our first season but our first birthday was on July 4th 1996 - the middle of our 2nd season. So here we are in our 15th season, yet we will celebrate our 14th birthday this July 4th. Born on the Fourth of July!!

I'm pleased to say that these have been very fulfilling years and I take great pride in seeing how our organization, the CPDSA, has grown and

matured over the last decade and a half. We have fielded some of the finest DJs the Big Apple has to offer and we have provided a quality forum for New York's Dance Skating Community to enjoy for seven months of the year.

The down side? This season, for the first time in our history, we are really feeling the financial pinch. That shouldn't be a big surprise considering the condition of our nation's economy. Yet it's frightening to think that it could all end here. We have sent out several frank appeals for help from our skate family and though I am gratified by

the response of those of you who have come through for us - I note that there are few new members. It is mostly renewals - the same loyal folks who year after year do their part and support the idea of having a home for the unique brand of skating that we have become so widely known for and the kind of camaraderie that makes the Skate Circle stand out to our viewers and reviewers as a microcosm of what the world should be like; a place where all races, creeds and people from all walks of life and social stratas coexist with love and genuine affection for one another.

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Skaters celebrate opening day of the CPDSA 2009 skate season

Once again I have to try to make you all understand that this year we are really at a crossroad. Certain avenues that have been open to us financially in the past have closed making us even more reliant on our constituents - You!!! Our skaters, Our friends, You, who rely on us to provide a quality skating

experience that you need. The awareness that grows from the meld of the movement and the music that brings on the rush that transports you, entering that zone where nothing can go wrong and where everything blends and comes together. An intimacy you can enjoy and share, week after week, and depend on it being there for

you whenever you desire it. The music, the open air, the trees, the city-scape, the spinning free-wheeling interplay of skaters moving, dancing to the rhythms of the music, the rapport, the harmony of like-minded souls sharing the rush. We cannot let this become a fond memory.

Remember the days when.....

Here we are again at the Memorial Day weekend - a three day celebration that heralds the beginning of the summer season. We will be coming to you to request your support - with your memberships and donations - to avail yourselves of a variety of beautiful Skate-Dance related T-shirts and some excellent DVDs of our skating experience featuring some of our top-of-the-line skaters doing what they do best.

Be generous to the CPDSA - to yourselves - and help keep "our thing" alive.

It is a unique experience found only here - the USA, New York City, Central Park, the Skate Circle - Let's join together as we do to take what we need from the Circle - and give back to it - Let's Keep Skating Alive in the Skate Circle, in Central Park, in NYC, in the USA.

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The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols

The CPDSA Skate Circle has gotten off to a bumpy start this year. We do not have our usual equipment storage space in the park and we have been struggling to keep the music playing. For the first few weeks, we worked with those of our DJs who had enough sound equipment of their own to fill our area with music. Thanks go to DJ Jay Stewart, DJ Nick Johnson, DJ RC LaRock and DJ Vinnie Campisi for getting the season started without the benefit of the CPDSA sound system. Special thanks must go to Nick for stepping in with his inverter and powered speakers to save the day for us on the day when our inverter burned out.

It wasn't until the second week in May - a full month into our schedule - that we were able to use our full system, complete with FM transmitter and wireless peripheral speakers. Our crew of dedicated CPDSA volunteers had to unload our equipment from our storage room, load it into Tariq's van, unload it onto two carts in the Tavern on the Green parking lot and then push them down to the Skate Circle where we were finally able to set up. John Waters, Tom Dowling, Chris and Maria and I made the trip. On the way back, at the end of the day, Marco Sepulvado and "Big Ed" Ratleff and Junior pitched in to get us up the hill.

DJ Q played for us for the first time that day and did a great job. We could hear the difference that the full system and the wireless peripheral speakers made in filling the whole area with music; it felt good to know that our efforts had paid off. Of course, toward the end of the day it sunk in that we didn't have a way to get our equipment back to the storage room.

I got on the mic several times and asked for someone who had a van, a large SUV or a mini van to help us get our equipment back into safe place. I admitted that we had brought our equipment out and set up without knowing exactly how we were going to get it home, but that I trusted that the skaters would not abandon us.

It was Mother's day and several of the skaters I had expected to show up with vans - didn't. Albert Boulanger volunteered the use of his small SUV, but it was not roomy enough to carry all of our equipment. The DJ console pretty much filled the back of his car. Luckily, a driver with a huge SUV in the Tavern on the green parking lot offered to take us and all our equipment to our storage room - for a price. We were saved! I resolved to never come out to the park with all our equipment without a backup plan.

The Parks Department and the Central Park Conservancy have been terrific to us through this whole struggle. They helped us get a place where we can charge our batteries at the Lawn Bowlers clubhouse and they are helping us to find some reasonably secure storage space inside the park where we can keep some of our less expensive gear, like ropes and tarps, canopies and signs. Still, the essential sound system must be kept in our secure storage facility, it must be trucked to the edge of the park every day that we play and our volunteers will have to continue the heavy work of moving it all. Once again it is only the guts, dedication and hard work of our CPDSA Volunteers that keeps the Circle rolling.

The Skate Circle Lives!



DJ Jay Stewart kept the winter circle rolling



DJ Vinnie Campisi rocks the Circle



DJ Q in the mix

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