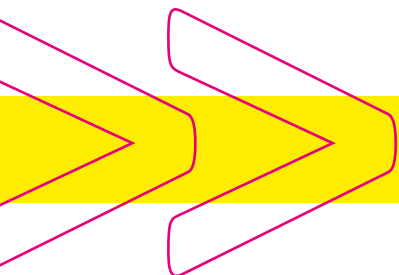




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An Unforgettable Night of Performances, Dancing, Food and Music at KST’s 6th Annual FULL BLOOM Summer Dance Party

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The sky’s the limit! As the spring season comes to a close, Kelly Strayhorn Theater is excited to present the sixth annual **Full Bloom Summer Dance Party** on **Saturday, June 7**. A VIP Reception begins at 7 p.m., followed by a dance party from 9 p.m.–midnight at Kelly Strayhorn Theater in East Liberty.

This annual benefit bash is the theater’s kickoff event supporting **East Liberty LIVE!**, KST’s original summer series that delivers extensive, accessible, and affordable arts programming for children, families, and our friends who live in, work in, and enjoy the East End. East Liberty LIVE! encourages first time patrons and residents to discover the unique cultural destinations in the neighborhood.

A historic and cultural gem, Kelly Strayhorn Theater possesses a rich local and national reach, with a focus on breaking down barriers, taking risks, and creating rich and provocative cultural experiences. The funds raised through Full Bloom, KST’s premier event, support exceptional arts programming throughout the summer. KST is proud to provide art for the community at a great price and to foster emerging artists in our region during a time of year when most theaters go dark.

Full Bloom features live performances from local and visiting artists, a sampling of the best food and drink from East Liberty, and activities including an interactive photo booth and dance party.

Voted one of the top-10 parties of the year by both the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Pittsburgh Tribune Review, this fabulous event sees over 300 guests joining together to celebrate the KST and the East End, support a great cause, and dance the night away.

The evening begins with a VIP Reception and includes specialty food inside the theater and an outdoor beer garden. Following the Reception, the celebration continues with more delicious local fare, performances, and an extravagant dance party in the theater’s lobby.

Featured performances include an outdoor VIP performance by singer/dancer Vie Boheme, and dance music all night long by DJ Vex and J. Malls (of the popular TITLE TOWN Soul & Funk Party).

“It’s an exciting time for the theater and East Liberty,” says Janera Solomon, executive director of KST. “We strive to bring quality and accessible arts programming to our friends. By supporting Full Bloom, you’re delivering innovative arts experiences to more people and providing positive creative activities for the local community.”



When & Where

Saturday, June 7, 2014

Kelly Strayhorn Theater, 5941 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

VIP Reception 7–9 PM | Dance Party 9 PM–Midnight

Tickets

VIP Reception and Dance Party: \$125

Dance Party Only: \$35 Advance, \$45 Door

To purchase tickets and learn about sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website, email us at fullbloom@kelly-strayhorn.org or call 412.363.3000.

Full Bloom Host Committee

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East Liberty LIVE!

East Liberty LIVE! is KST's summer arts series for audiences who live, work, and play in the East End. All proceeds from Full Bloom support East Liberty LIVE!'s 20-plus fun-filled summer programs. From pop-up happenings and daytime dance parties that will spice up your lunch break, to lively main stage performances with local and international artists, East Liberty LIVE! brings engaging opportunities to East End families, youth, and neighborhood residents. The festivities begin on June 20 and run through August 23.

About the Kelly Strayhorn Theater

As the last of nine theaters from the 1950s heyday of East Liberty, the Kelly Strayhorn Theater uses the arts as a catalyst for continuing community revitalization. The theater, in its 12th season, continues to play a key role in the transformation of Pittsburgh's East Liberty neighborhood. An intimate, professional equipped, 349-seat multiple-use performance venue, the theater demonstrates its commitment to Pittsburgh artists and audiences. The KST is a favorite venue of emerging local artists, regional artists and arts organizations who take risks and present new work. Noted Pittsburghers Gene Kelly and Billy Strayhorn, the namesakes, are among the 80 area artists honored on the theater's Gallery of Stars. The building, opening in 1914, is the former Regent Theatre, which served the East End as a movie house for eight decades.

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