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YARD ARTS 2019 MAKES ALL MUSIC LOCAL!
MUSIC STAGES AND A DANCE HALL:
JOHN FORTE AND ISAAC TAYLOR
AND
DJ CHRISTOPHER'S "TRIBUTARIES",
LIFE AND TIMES MEASURED OUT
IN SONG, FUNK, AND R&B CUTS

YARD ARTS 2019 Summer Music Nights
(A.R.T. on the Vine - Artists Rising Together on the Vineyard)

John Forté	July 23rd 7:00pm	The Yard's Nanon Theater $25 General $15 Seniors/Students/Active Military/Veterans $5 Children Under 12 $45 Neighbor and Need
Isaac Taylor	August 6th 7:00pm	The Yard's Nanon Theater $25 General $15 Seniors/Students/Active Military/Veterans $5 Children Under 12 $45 Neighbor and Need

DJ Christopher	August 27th 7:00pm	The Yard's Nanon Theater $25 General $15 Seniors/Students/Active Military/Veterans $5 Children Under 12 $45 Neighbor and Need

Please note: all programs are subject to change.

Music, song, and dance unite us beyond language, differences, and beliefs. The Yard is proud to bring together the Martha's Vineyard summer community over a series of four Music Nights to take place both down island and up island, starting at the end of June. The first music night will take place as part of Vineyard Pride celebrations, sending the message that music is and will continue to be for everyone.

Escape to The Yard's serene campus for evenings of music, community, and conversation this summer!

Events will take place:

John Forté	July 23rd 7:00pm	The Yard's Nanon Theater $25 General $15 Seniors/Students/Active Military/Veterans $5 Children Under 12 $45 Neighbor and Need

John Forté performance date:
Tuesday, July 23, 7pm
Location: The Yard's Patricia N. Nanon Theater at 1 The Yard, Middle Road, Chilmark, MA

Tickets: $25 adults / $15 seniors, students, and military / $5 children under 12

New this year! Please consider upgrading to a $45 "Neighbor and Need" ticket to support The Yard's efforts to continue offering free and discounted programming to those in our community for whom our ticket prices pose an impediment.

Member and Behind the Counter discounts apply

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

John Forté is a Grammy-nominated recording artist, filmmaker, and activist. First recognized for his work with multi-platinum hip hop group The Fugees, Forté has released several solo and collaborative projects to-date. Forté's felony conviction and eventual Presidential commutation cemented Forté's commitment to reforming America's broken criminal justice system.

Isaac Taylor	August 6th 7:00pm	The Yard's Nanon Theater $25 General $15 Seniors/Students/Active Military/Veterans $5 Children Under 12 $45 Neighbor and Need

Isaac Taylor performance date:
Tuesday, August 6, 7pm
Location: The Yard's Patricia N. Nanon Theater at 1 The Yard, Middle Road, Chilmark, MA
Tickets: $25 adults / $15 seniors, students, and military / $5 children under 12

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ABOUT THE ARTIST:
Isaac Taylor is a 14th generation islander, as well as an artist in a musically artistic family. Taylor will be playing songs from his Debut album, "Peace In The Valley", as well as some other tunes he loves.

DJ Christopher ***"TRIBUTARIES"***	August 27th 7:00pm	The Yard's Nanon Theater $10 General

DJ Christopher performance date:
Tuesday, August 27, 7pm

Location: The Yard's Patricia N. Nanon Theater at 1 The Yard, Middle Road, Chilmark, MA

Tickets: $10

ABOUT THE ARTIST:
When not raising funds for the Island Housing Trust, **DJ Christopher** can be found spinning vinyl on his well-worn Technics turntables that have accompanied him from Thailand to New York City and home to the Vineyard. Former resident DJ at Happy Monday in Bangkok and Botanica in NYC, DJ Christopher loves spinning classic R&B and funk from the 70s and 80s, peppered with an eclectic selection of grooves from across the globe, and not least with memorial danceable tracks from the artists we've lost too soon. The Dancehall evening known as "Tributaries" honors the streams of music that run downriver from past to present.

SEED. GROW. REAP. REPEAT: THE NATURE OF THE YARD.

Mission:
The Yard supports diverse, contemporary dance-makers and related artists in their creative processes through paid, creative residency, public performance, long-term education, and artist-driven civic engagement. We serve all ages and cultural populations on Martha´s Vineyard, and work collaboratively with artists, producers, and other cultural organizers within regional, national, and international contexts.

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