



13TH ANNUAL  
**ART + SOUL**

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Downtown Oakland

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**Downtown Street Closures Announced as Oakland Preps for  
Art + Soul, the Bay Area's Best Festival**

Oakland, Calif. (July 30, 2013) – In preparation for the City of Oakland's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Art + Soul Festival, event organizers will close a few streets in downtown Oakland. A one-block section of **Clay Street from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> streets** will be closed beginning at **9 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2013**. The balance of the street closures will begin at **10 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 2013**, with the closure of **12<sup>th</sup> Street** between Broadway and Jefferson Street, **14<sup>th</sup> Street** between Broadway and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, **Clay Street** between 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> streets and **Jefferson Street** from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> streets. These streets will re-open in time for the morning commute on Monday, August 5, 2013.

All downtown parking garages will remain open and accessible on Thursday, August 1, and Friday, August 2. AC Transit riders are encouraged to check bus stops for detour information.

Recognized as one of the region's top music festivals, the City of Oakland's **Art + Soul Oakland** was named among the top 12 "must-see summer festivals" in Northern California by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Art + Soul will sizzle this year with two art- and music-packed days.

Previously announced performers for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Art + Soul Festival include **Lisa Loeb, Leela James, Vintage Trouble, ConFunkShun, Tristan Prettyman, Los Rakas** and many more on the four stages. On Sunday, the ever-popular **Bay Area Blues Society's** hosts local blues greats and a **"Sunday Afternoon Gospel Hour"** produced by Terrance Kelly and hosted by City Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney. A **Show & Tell Dance Party** produced by Carla Service from Dance-A-Vision will showcase hot urban and world dance performances both days, plus provide dance instruction and present a public dance party. Visit [ArtandSoulOakland.com](http://ArtandSoulOakland.com) for this year's exciting musical lineup.

Art + Soul will encompass 10 city blocks in and around Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and City Center. In addition to **great live music**, the event features artisan booths, food vendors and mobile food trucks as well as the ever-popular **Family Fun Zone** with pint-sized rides, hands-on activities and much more. Since launching in 2000, the festival has attracted more than 500,000 people to downtown Oakland and has helped fuel the growth of downtown – particularly the Uptown district – as a nationally-recognized dining destination and arts & culture hotspot.

Taking BART directly to Art + Soul is a great way to avoid traffic. The festival is directly accessible via the 12<sup>th</sup> Street/City Center BART station. For those who choose to drive, there is \$5 parking for hundreds of cars in the City Center West parking garage at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Art + Soul Festival runs from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 4. Advance tickets, available online at [ArtandSoulOakland.com](http://ArtandSoulOakland.com), are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors (65+) and youth (ages 13-17). Tickets at the gate will cost \$15 for adults and \$8 for seniors and youth. Kids 12 and under enjoy free admission to the festival.

Art + Soul Oakland 2013 is produced by the City of Oakland in association with the *East Bay Express*.

For more information on Art & Soul, visit [ArtandSoulOakland.com](http://ArtandSoulOakland.com) or call (510) 444-CITY.

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