



EPACENTER ANNOUNCES STAR-STUDED LINEUP FOR INAUGURAL SUNSET CONCERTS SERIES May 9 - July 26, 2026

EAST PALO ALTO, CA (18 March 2026) — EPACENTER, East Palo Alto’s architecturally stunning all-ages creative development center, launches its inaugural *Sunset Concerts*, a series of public outdoor music events this summer. Featuring a stellar lineup of internationally acclaimed and Grammy Award-winning musicians. EPACENTER welcomes Bay Area music lovers to its outdoor amphitheater for a series of intimate concerts by major headliners set against the Bay Area’s summer sunsets **from May 9 to July 26, 2026**. The 2026 *Sunset Concerts* season opens May 9 with legendary Latin jazz percussionist **Pete Escovedo**. Next, the electrifying "Queen of Percussion" **Sheila E.** headlines *EPACENTER Illuminated: The After Glow*, inviting the public to join the party May 30, following EPACENTER’s annual fundraising gala. The series continues with famed Santana vocalist **Tony Lindsay & Friends** for a night of pure musical magic June 6. The series concludes July 26 with Bay Area funk heroes **Con Funk Shun**, delivering their signature high-energy choreography, six-part vocal harmonies, romantic ballads, and dance-floor hits. For tickets (\$75 general admission/\$125 VIP plus fees for Sunset concerts, \$150/\$250/\$500 plus fees for Sheila E. gala after-party concert) and more information the public may visit <https://epacenter.org/sunset-concerts/>. Special ticket pricing (\$25) available to East Palo Alto residents with proof of ID on entry. Guests are invited to bring picnic blankets for lawn seating, with rental chairs, and food and beverages available onsite.

“EPACENTER was created by and for the community, to be an artistic hub for East Palo Alto,” said EPACENTER Executive Director **Nadine Rambeau**. “Now, we are thrilled to invite the greater Bay Area to come and experience our beautiful space along the Bay, to enjoy live concerts by world-class artists in an intimate and welcoming setting. These performances represent just the beginning of a robust calendar of community events large and small that we look forward to sharing throughout the coming years.”

The lineup of EPACENTER’s *Sunset Concerts* is as follows:

PETE ESCOVEDO
5:00pm Saturday, May 9, 2026
General Admission \$75 || VIP \$125

American Latin jazz percussionist and band leader **Pete Escovedo** is a Latin Grammy Lifetime

Achievement recipient, recognized for an over five-decade long career merging Latin, jazz, funk, and salsa. A master percussionist known for his work with Santana, Azteca, and his own orchestra, Escovedo is further distinguished by the successes of his children Sheila E. and Juan Escovedo.

SHEILA E.

7:30pm Saturday, May 30, 2026

General Admission \$150 || Preferred Seating \$250 || VIP \$500

“Queen of Percussion” **Sheila E.** will play an after party following EPACENTER’s annual fundraiser in an electrifying evening concert open to the public titled, *EPACENTER Illuminated: The After Glow*. Music lovers will have the opportunity to support EPACENTER’s mission in this one-night-only event through premium seating tiers that will include special amenities such as reserved seating and refreshments. An Oakland native, Sheila E. has worked with artists including Prince, Stevie Wonder, and Beyoncé, and is one of the few Bay Area artists with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Her nonprofit program Elevate Oakland has championed young artists and music education, aligning with EPACENTER’s commitment to developing artistic pathways for Bay Area youth.

TONY LINDSAY & FRIENDS

6:00pm Saturday, June 6, 2026

General Admission \$75 || VIP \$125

Eleven-time Grammy Award-winning singer **Tony Lindsay** plays the EPACENTER Amphitheater with a full live band in June. A piece of the legendary group formed in San Francisco, the Santana Band has celebrated global tours and garnered international acclaim for over five decades. Grammy-winning producer Narada Michael Walden has said, "Tony Lindsay is one of the world's great singers. We know and we revere Donny Hathaway, Stevie Wonder, and Ray Charles. Tony Lindsay is on par with all three of those." EPACENTER invites the public to enjoy a world class vocalist whose voice has graced classics such as “Life Is for Living” and “Make Somebody Happy”.

CON FUNK SHUN

5:00pm Saturday, July 26, 2026

General Admission \$75 || VIP \$125

Con Funk Shun, Vallejo’s legendary funk ensemble known for classics like “Love’s Train” and “Ffun” closes *Sunset Concerts* with infectious danceability in East Palo Alto. EPACENTER is thrilled to host the band during their red-hot national “Smooth Jukebox” tour offering Bay Area audiences effortlessly cool choreography, six-part harmonies, and timeless grooves by these unstoppable artists.

Concert goers are invited to bring blankets for lawn seating and will find onsite rental chairs and food and beverages available for purchase. VIP tier ticketing provides access to special seating areas.

ABOUT EPACENTER

EPACENTER (*pronounced epi-center*) is a multidisciplinary arts center in East Palo Alto that ignites creative potential and community connection by delivering inclusive, high-quality education, experiences, and career pathways for people of all ages and abilities. Through a wide range of creative disciplines including visual arts, music, dance, theater, design, and digital media, EPACENTER ensures that every member of the East Palo Alto community can find a meaningful entry point into creative expression, fostering artistic growth, cultural engagement, and community connection. Programming and support are offered in multiple languages, reflecting the rich diversity of the communities EPACENTER serves. EPACENTER envisions East Palo Alto as a beacon of creativity, where every generation has ready access to the arts, cultural pride is celebrated, and artistic innovation fuels individual growth and economic opportunity.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHAT: **EPACENTER**, East Palo Alto's architecturally stunning all-ages creative development center, launches its inaugural ***Sunset Concerts***, a series of outdoor music events this summer. Featuring a stellar lineup of internationally acclaimed, Grammy Award-winning, and legendary local musicians across a cornucopia of genres and disciplines, EPACENTER welcomes the community to its outdoor amphitheater for a series of intimate concerts by major headliners set against the Bay Area's summer sunsets. The 2026 *Sunset Concerts* season opens May 9 with Pete Escovedo, followed by Sheila E. May 30, Tony Lindsay and the Santana Band June 6, and Con Funk Shun July 26.

WHEN: **May 9 – July 26, 2026**

SHOWS: **PETE ESCOVEDO**
Doors open 5:00pm, concert 5:30pm, Saturday, May 9, 2026

SHEILA E.
Doors open 7:00pm, concert 7:30pm, Saturday, May 30, 2026

TONY LINDSAY & FRIENDS
Doors open 6:00pm, concert 6:30pm, Saturday, June 6, 2026

CON FUNK SHUN
Doors open 5:00pm, concert 5:30pm, July 26, 2026

WHERE: **EPACENTER, 1950 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA**

TICKETS: *Sunset Concerts*: \$75 general admission, \$125 VIP, plus fees per ticket. \$25 plus fees for East Palo Alto residents with ID on entry.
Sheila E. *EPACENTER Illuminated: The After Glow* party: \$150 General Admission, \$250 Preferred Seating, \$500 VIP available at

<https://epacenter.org/sunset-concerts/>

Onsite rental chairs and food and beverages available for purchase. Special VIP tier ticketing provides access to EPACENTER's balcony level with tables, private bathrooms, and a separate bar.

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