

We Are Here

Resilience, Renewal & Regeneration

June 14 Fri & 15 Sat 9 pm - 2 am FREE



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### Welcome #AFTACON attendees!

We are happy to share Northern Spark weekend with the Americans for the Arts Annual Convention, June 13-16 in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Enjoy your stay!

## We Are Here

Welcome to Northern Spark, a free late-night art festival.

This year's theme, *We Are Here: Resilience, Renewal & Regeneration*, is drawn from the places and people where this year's festival is taking place.

Claiming space is one of the most powerful actions anyone can take. One can claim space through the art of images, movement, language, music or other creative expressions. For people who do not see themselves or hear voices like their own in the dominant culture around us, raising their voices can mean the difference between invisibility or resilience, renewal, and regeneration.

This year Northern Spark celebrates just a few of the neighborhoods in our city that are home to people, cultures, and livelihoods that have stayed resilient in the face of erasure, genocide, and fractures between nature and each other. These beloved communities continue to rise as they renew and regenerate themselves.

Northern Spark has always been about transforming the city, at least temporarily, into a different kind of place. One where creativity and community take over to inspire and disrupt the status quo in the name of voice. In the name of agency. In the name of claiming space . . . and power.

*We Are Here* was generated from community responses and woven together by our Program Council of artist advisors. Together with our Neighborhood Partners we invited artists to raise their voices, to claim space, and to tell their own stories of resilience, renewal, and regeneration.

Add your voice as you participate in Northern Spark. Stay safe, be kind, and enjoy.

—Northern Spark team, Program Council and Partners



Northern Spark is presented by Northern Lights.mn, a nonprofit arts organizations with the mission to transform our sense of what's possible in public space.

## Navigating Northern Spark

Make your way through the festival with these tools or just wander and discover!

### Mobile Website

[northernspark.org](http://northernspark.org) is mobile ready and holds all the information you need—project listings, maps, a schedule of timed events, and more. Customize your list of projects to see, including times and locations, with the **My Night** feature from the main menu.

### Social Media

Connect with us for the latest #northernspark news and updates:

facebook.com/NorthernSparkMN

Instagram: @northernlights.mn

Twitter: @nl\_mn

### Look for the Red Flags

Artist projects and festival venues are marked by tall signs with red Northern Spark flags.

### Information Tents

Find a **Northern Spark Information Tent** in the three primary festival locations, outside of Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, along Franklin Avenue across from Many Rivers East, and at The Commons. Information Tents have night-of festival updates, first aid supplies, and large print maps. Stop by and chat with a friendly volunteer.

### Accessibility

The wheelchair symbols on the project listings mean that the core activity of a project is accessible to wheelchair users. All festival venues are ADA accessible. Some projects are in unconventional spaces and may not have easy ADA access.

### Weather

Northern Spark happens rain or (star)shine! Follow us on social media or visit [northernspark.org](http://northernspark.org) for night-of weather changes.

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## Getting Around

Travel to the festival by train, bus, bike, or foot and then walk, shuttle or bike between venues.

### Metro Transit

Ride Metro Transit free to Northern Spark! Download a free pass for each night at [nspk.mn/metrotransit](http://nspk.mn/metrotransit).

Metro Light Rail stations nearest to festival venues:  
St. Paul: Dale St. (Green Line) outside Rondo Community Library. Minneapolis: U.S. Bank Stadium (Blue and Green Lines) and Franklin (Blue Line).

Plan your trip: [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org)  
612-373-333, TTY 651-291-0904

Metro routes end at varying times. Check schedules. Regular fares apply, unless you download a free pass.

### Rondo Shuttle Bus & Story Ride

Ride between Rondo Community Library and Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and learn Rondo stories on the way! Two routes run each festival night; a 10 minute direct route and a 30 minute history tour. For more info check [nspk.mn/getaround](http://nspk.mn/getaround).

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### Cycling

Bicycling is a great way to travel to and between festival sites. Bike racks in each festival area are noted on the map.

Take **Nice Ride** between The Commons and American Indian Cultural Corridor. Bike valets will be available at Park Ave & 4th Street S and E Franklin Ave & Bloomington Ave S stations. Find other Nice Ride stations in Minneapolis at [niceridemn.com](http://niceridemn.com) or download the Nice Ride app.

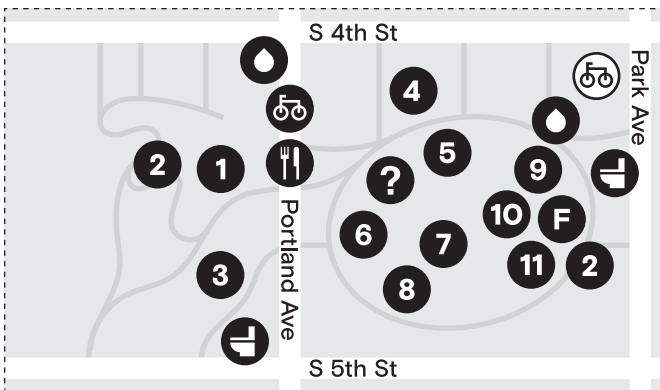
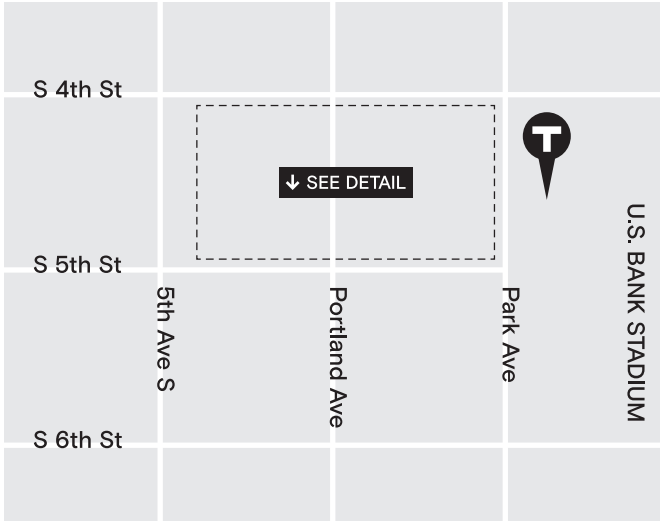
### Parking & Street Closures

Visit [nspk.mn/getaround](http://nspk.mn/getaround) for a list of 24 hour parking ramps and lots near Northern Spark.

In Minneapolis, Portland Ave between 4th & 5th Streets and Franklin Ave between Bloomington & 13th Ave will be closed to traffic from 6 pm to 3 am on June 14 and June 15.

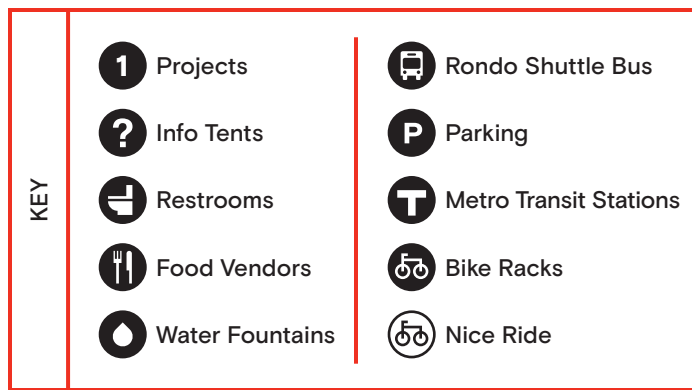
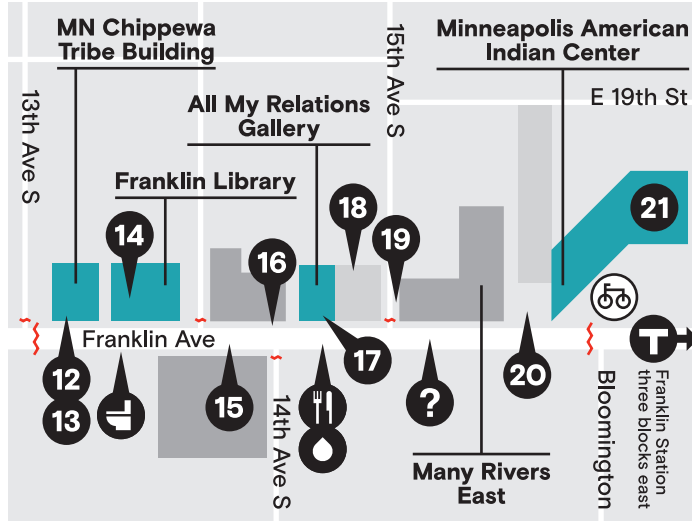
# The Commons

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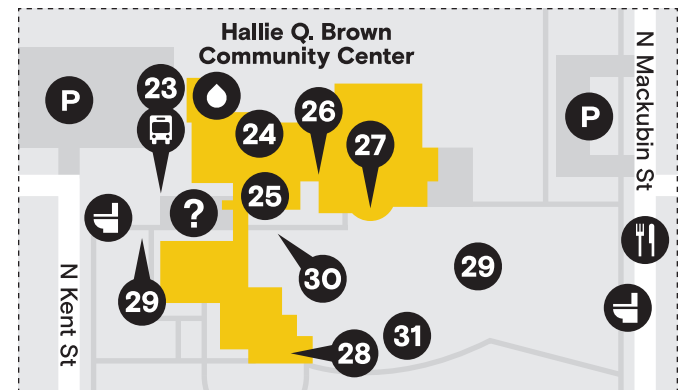
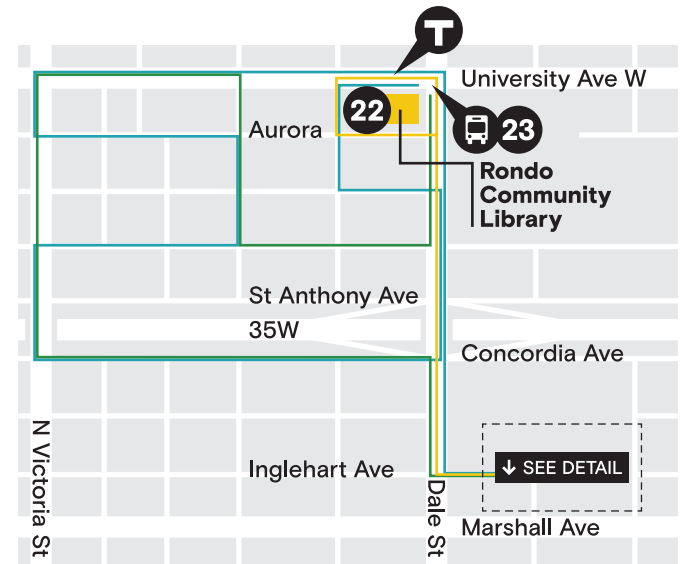
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# Rondo

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## The Commons

- 1** **Candida Gonzalez & Mary Anne Quiroz**, *Radical Playground* ♿  
2019 Creative City Challenge Winner  
● Indigo Crew performances throughout the night  
[Co-presented with Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy and Green Minneapolis](#)
  - 2** **Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli**, *Opening Performance* ♿  
● 9:12-9:30 pm, Friday night only, begins in East Commons and travels to West Commons
  - 3** **Don't You Feel It Too? community**, *What Will You Dance For? (The Exuberant Activist Body)* ♿
  - 4** **Joshua McGarvey**, *Synchronize* ♿
  - 5** **Weavers Guild Artists**, *Communities in the Cloth* ♿  
[Presented by Weavers Guild of Minnesota](#)
  - 6** **Beatrix\*JAR**, *Let's Make Some Sounds!* ♿
  - 7** **Yilma Hailu**, *Begena Ethiopian Harp* ♿
  - 8** **Kelley Leaf**, *Poetry People/People Poetry: A Community Conversation* ♿
  - 9** **Local Artist Market** ♿  
[Co-presented with Springboard for the Arts and Americans for the Arts](#)
  - 10** **Foci Artists**, *Neon Garden* ♿  
[Presented by Foci Minnesota Center for Glass Arts](#)
  - 11** **Jeremy Wong**, *Digital Graffiti Wall* ♿  
[Presented by Walker Art Center](#)
  - F** **Fulton Beer Tent** ● 9 pm - 12 midnight  
[Sponsored by Fulton with Lisa Bergh & Andrew Nordin](#), *Traveling Museum* ● 9 pm - 2 am
- Food Vendors:** 9 Yum Yum, Anchor Fish & Chips, Brava on Wheels, KCM Eggrolls, Pharaoh's Gyros, Potter's Pasties, Thai Thai Street Food

## American Indian Cultural Corridor

- 12** **New Native Theatre**, *Time Elapsed, Time Immemorial* ♿
  - 13** **Minnesota Sacred Harp Singers**, *Let All The Nations Know: Hymns From Indian Melodies and the Sacred Harp* ♿  
[Presented by Minnesota Sacred Harp Singers](#)
  - 14** **Marlena Myles, Tamara Aupaumut, Elsa Hoover, Dawí, James D. Autio, Jess Grams, Andrea Fairbanks, Hope Flanagan**, *Haryétu Wówapi Thípi (The Night Library)* ♿  
[Presented by Hennepin County Library](#)
  - 15** **Victor Yopez**, *The Biker*
  - 16** **Rosy Simas & Heid E. Erdrich**, *WEave: HERE* ♿  
● Dance performance along Franklin Ave each night starting at 11 pm, installation all night
  - 17** **Angela Two Stars & Moira Villard, curators**, *Bring Her Home: Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island 2019* ♿  
[Presented by All My Relations Arts](#)
  - 18** **Natchez Beaulieu**, *Hearts of Our People Mural Kickoff and Visioning* ♿  
[Presented by Minneapolis Institute of Arts and All My Relations Arts](#)
  - 19** **Jonathan Thunder**, *Manifest'o* ♿
  - 20** **Al Gross and Strong Buffalo**, *Reuseable Graffiti* ♿
  - 21** **Xopantla**, *Immaculado Corazon de Maria* ♿  
● Friday night only  
[Presented by Ketzal Coatlicue](#)
- Food Vendors:** Powwow Grounds, for a complete list visit [nspk.mn/eat](#)

## Rondo

- 22** **Gita Ghei, Melvin Giles, Aki Shibata**, *Library After Dark: Rondo Community Library* ♿  
[Presented by St. Paul Public Library](#)
  - 23** **Rondo community members**, *Rondo Story Ride* ♿  
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  - 24** **Miko S. Simmons**, *(Re)Member - A Visual Jazz Odyssey* ♿
  - 25** **Hallie Q. Brown team members**, *Hallie Q. Brown Archive Project* ♿  
[Presented by Hallie Q. Brown Community Center](#)
  - 26** **Kashimana**, *A Soundscape of Stories* ♿
  - 27** **Tish Jones, co-curator & MC**, *Rondo Open Mic and Performances* ♿  
● check [nspk.mn/stage](#) for nightly schedule
  - 28** **Storymobile/Phillip McGraw, Sherine Onukwuwe**, *Rondo Films* ♿  
[Co-presented by Model Cities and St. Paul Almanac](#)
  - 29** **Chris Scott, Clarence White, Hawona Sullivan Janzen**, *Rondo Family Reunion: Pictures and Poems for our People* ♿
  - 30** **Baba Jesse & Resounding Rhythms**, *Resounding Strength - Resilient Song* ♿
  - 31** **Solar Peace Collective**, *Illuminate and Regenerate Rondo: Spreading Peace in Our Streets* ♿
- Food Vendors:** for a complete list visit [nspk.mn/eat](#)



All project hours are 9 pm - 2 am unless otherwise noted.



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Programming is the same both nights unless otherwise noted.