

Swing out, sister

Get ready do some urban square dancing in Newark.

Thursday nights through June 30, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center will offer dance lessons and live music on its square.

NJPAC's outdoor JP Morgan Chase Sounds of the City/Brick City Swing dance-party series will feature swing, Latin music and Afro-pop. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

On Thursday, Manny Oquendo Y Orchestra Libre will serve up Latin jazz, while the Pzazz Dance Company teaches salsa, merengue and charanga.

Vocalist and dancer Wunmi will sing and teach African fusion dances on June 16. The Full Count Big Band plays swing music on June 23, as Kenny Boston and Pamela Berberich teach swing and variations on swing.

Finally, on June 30, City Rhythm Orchestra will pump out big-band favorites as Boston and Berberich teach swing and variations on swing.

Brick City Swing will take place 6 to 10 p.m. Thursdays in June. NJPAC is at 1 Center St. in Newark. No tickets are required. More information is available by calling (973) 353-8046.

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Learn how to shake what your mama gave you at NJPAC's outdoor JP Morgan Chase Sounds of the City/Brick City Swing dance-party.