

ELIZABETH PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Elizabeth Park Conservancy is once again hosting free live concerts on Wednesday evenings this July. All concerts run from approximately 6:30 - 8 pm and take place in the park at the John G. Martin Foundation Stage on the Helen S Kaman Rose Garden Lawn. Please use the Asylum Avenue entrance to the park in West Hartford. (GPS address 1561 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford).

Le’ Mixx Band

July 16: Le’ Mixx is a seven-piece band with over 30 years of combined experience among its eclectic mix of band members. Their sound blends classic R&B, funk, and reggae. The talented musicians in this band have worked with artists such as Ray, Goodman & Brown, Grand Master Flash, Babatunde Olanntunji, Black Ivory, Betty Wright, the Five Satins, and more. The concert is Wednesday, July 16, from 6:30-8 pm. Rain date is Thursday, July 17.

July 23: Gene Bozzi And Jazz & Strings

Jazz & Strings presents Hartford native Shenel Johns as she dons the “Lady in Satin” mantle, singing songs from the 1958 studio string session that decked out the then-dying Holiday’s tragically tattered but still emotionally charged voice in high-fashion orchestrations. The concert is Wednesday, July 23, from 6:30-8 pm. Rain date is Thursday, July 24.

July 30: Mass-Conn-Fusion

As its name suggests, Mass-Conn-Fusion draws its talent from both sides of the Massachusetts-Connecticut border. The group has an extensive repertoire featuring Motown, R&B, Jazz and Blues hits of the 60s right up to the present. They have been performing throughout New England, providing premier entertainment, for over 35 years. The concert is Wednesday, July 30, from 6:30-8 p.m. Rain date is Thursday, July 31

Yoga in the Parks

Free yoga sessions are once again being held weekly in parks across Hartford. Classes are open to everyone — all ages, all abilities, and all experience levels. No registration necessary. Classes will be held through October 12.

- Mondays: Bushnell Park, 5:30 pm
- Tuesdays, Elizabeth Park, 5:30 pm
- Wednesdays, Bushnell Park, 5:30 pm
- Thursdays, Elizabeth Park, 5:30 pm
- Fridays: Pope Park, 5:30 pm,
- Saturdays, Keney Park, 10 am
- Sundays, Colt Park, 10 am

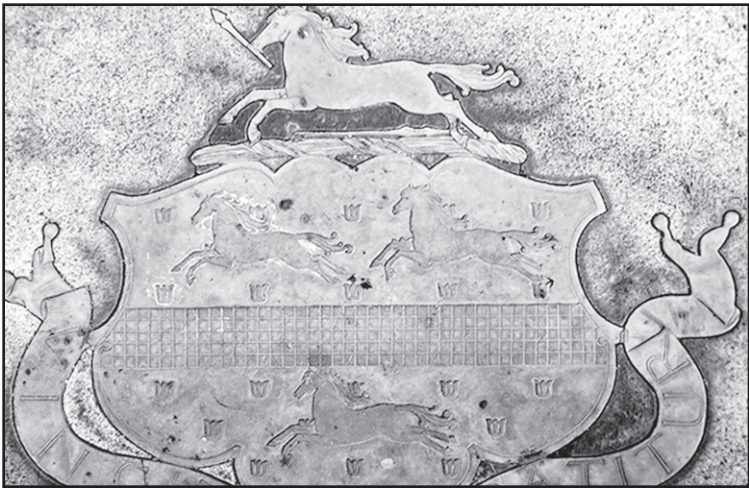
Colt-Inspired Art Installation in NYC

BY DONNA SWARR

Kevin Hernández Rosa is a visiting Assistant Professor of Sculpture and a Jackie McLean Fellow at the University of Hartford Art School . He has an art installation called “In Practice: Kevin Hernández Rosa” which is currently on display at the SculptureCenter, a not-for-profit, contemporary art museum located in Long Island City, Queens, New York.

Hernández Rosa’s work there offers a rich, multi-layered meditation on power, embodiment, and historical legacy. By referencing Samuel Colt—the 19th-century American firearms manufacturer—and placing symbolic fragments of Colt’s legacy with representations of bodily distress like the artificial kidney stone, he questions the violence embedded in both personal and institutional histories.

The hundreds of wooden revolver components reference Colt’s original prototype, evoking industrial repetition and the manufacturing of violence, while also being rendered in an unexpected, non-lethal material. These components were loaned to him by the Wadsworth Atheneum of Art from the Elizabeth Colt bequest. This subtle shift challenges the viewer to reconsider the mechanisms through which violence is com-



Colt coat of arms from the Colt Memorial in Colt Park, just east of the Wethersfield Avenue entrance. (Image credit: Colt : An American Legend, December 1, 1985, R. L. Wilson (Author), Sid Latham (Photographer)

modified and normalized.

The artist often makes work that alludes to the body in discomfort and suggests its causes. At the SculptureCenter, Hernández-Rosa exhibits a new sculpture, “In Practice”, uses that uses the wooden components to mimic a revolver prototype made by Samuel Colt in 1830. The installation also includes an artificial kidney stone, and pieces of a destroyed bronze coat of arms that was ripped from the Samuel Colt Monument in Hartford. For more information about the story behind the coat of arms go to,

<https://tinyurl.com/chpw35x6>.

Kevin Hernández Rosa has deep roots in Hartford. They grew up in the Dutch Point Colony housing project. They received their BFA from the Hartford Art School in 2016 and MFA from the Yale School of Art in 2021

SculptureCenter was founded in 1928 as “The Clay Club” by Dorothea Denslow. The installation will be on view from June 19th–Jul 28th, 2025. The museum is located at 44–19 Purves Street, Long Island City, NY. and is open Thursday–Monday from noon - 6 pm.

City of Hartford Takes Steps to Protect Parks

Hartford City Council has approved a change to its municipal ordinance aimed at regulating unsafe and environmentally damaging parking behaviors within its parks. This initiative was sponsored by the Mayor and was ratified by City Council on June 9th.



Effective immediately, the Hartford Parking Authority will have authorization to issue applicable citations within City parks, open spaces, and green spaces in an effort to promote adherence to City parking regulations.

Notably, the municipal ordinance amendment includes the addition of a new citation for unauthorized parking on the grass – an ongoing issue voiced by many City park representatives that has resulted in damages to park grounds and trees.

City Council member Kelly Bilodeau, who herself is a frequent visitor to City parks, had the following to say regarding the ordinance changes, “As Chair of the Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Environment ommittee, I’m pleased that we have passed an ordinance that will address parking in our parks that may pose safety risks or harm to our environment. This effort is part of an ongoing commitment to protect our green spaces, ensure the parks remain safe, welcoming and well-maintained for everyone.”

This change is intended to deter practices that damage park grounds and disrupt the enjoyment of these spaces for all residents and visitors. Violators will face penalties, underscoring the City’s dedication to preserving its parks and ensuring responsible use.

The ordinance amendment also includes language stating that enforcement “may be guided by the advice of parks organizations, foundations, and conservancies.”

Hartford Parking Authority CEO Jill Turlo has affirmed her dedication to this language, noting that she has met with representatives from parks around the City to assess their varying needs.

After the successful vote by City Council, Turlo remarked, “I’m glad to be able to address the parking concerns brought to us by a number of City parks representatives. I hope our efforts will assist in changing behaviors to make the parks safer and to protect the integrity of the park grounds.”



REGISTER REGÍSTRESE
READ LEA
LOG ANOTE
WIN! ¡GANE!

JUNE 16 -
AUGUST 16

16 DE JUNIO -
16 DE AGOSTO


BIT.LY/HPLSR2025

Hartford Summer Reading Challenge
Desafío de lectura de verano de hartford

