



## **USA Pavilion Updates and Offerings**

### ***Language Tours, Cultural Performers, and a New Restaurant Menu***

June 13 , 2025 (Osaka) - The USA Pavilion at the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai is pleased to share updates we have made to our operations and offerings, with the aim to continually provide visitors with a seamless, enriching, and inspiring experience.

#### **English and Mandarin Language Exhibit Tour Schedule**

Adjusting to the actual volume of demand for specific language tours, the following updated daily schedule will be implemented starting Friday, June 13. 7 tours daily are offered in English, and 2 tours daily are offered in Mandarin. All other tours continue to be offered in Japanese, with approximately 120 people entering the exhibit tour every 10 minutes.

11:00	English	16:00	English
12:00	English	17:00	English
13:00	English	18:00	Mandarin
14:00	Mandarin	19:00	English
15:00	English		

#### **Cultural Performances**

The USA Pavilion main stage continues to be a source of entertainment and excitement, located just beyond the Cube and to the rear left side of the courtyard. Visitors are welcome to enter directly without waiting in line or going through the exhibit, and performances are held on the stage approximately 5 times daily, featuring a range of live music and dance. Located across from the Pavilion's bustling onsite restaurant, visitors are invited to enjoy some peaceful moments to sit and relax in the open-air courtyard, or join in the fun and dance along to the performances.

As we celebrate and bid farewell to the first cohort of American resident performers, the second cohort of performers will be arriving shortly in Osaka. Along with the resident artists and recurring stage acts, there will also continue to be an exciting lineup of special guest performers



and events. Special guest performers thus far have included Japanese actress and singer Wataru Kozuki, the Ohio State University Wind Symphony, the University of Southern California Trojan Marching Band, baton artist Issei Takahashi, and Flamenco Real as part of a collaboration organized jointly with the Spain Pavilion. Daily performance schedules will continue to be posted on the USA Pavilion Instagram account: @worldexpousapavilion.

### **Upcoming Special Performers**

#### **June 15: Phoenix Children's Choir**

Phoenix Children's Chorus believes in creating global citizens through diverse travel, with music as the universal language shared by all people. This common ground allows choristers in Phoenix Children's Chorus to create meaningful connections with others from around the world. Since 1984, Phoenix Children's Chorus has been transforming children's lives through music by facilitating artistic, musical, and cultural development, and offering world-class choral education.

#### **June 18-22: Daniel Ho and Friends**

Daniel Ho will present a fun and entertaining program of Hawaiian music and dance (hula), with stories about the Islands, and a chance to learn a little hula and Hawaiian language! Daniel Ho is a Grammy Award winning musician who has toured extensively throughout the world.

#### **June 20-21 Kyle Dillingham**

As America's Fiddling Ambassador, Kyle brings the energy and soul of Americana music to the world stage, blending tradition with innovation. To emphasize music's universal nature, Kyle seamlessly weaves in diverse styles and selections from around the globe— including Arabic, French, Chinese, and Japanese—showing how music transcends borders to connect us all.

#### **June 27-28: Daniel Verstappen**

As part of his global tour, renowned pianist and composer, Daniel will join for a special performance that features a repertoire including American soundtracks, film music, as well as his own compositions and improvisations. His performance will highlight iconic works from American composers, offering a unique musical experience that blends classical mastery, original works, and spontaneous creativity.



### **(Upcoming) June-August Resident Artist Lineup**

#### **Skylar and William (starting June 18)**

Skylar Tang is a multidisciplinary musician known for her dynamic trumpet playing and profound compositions. Hailing from the San Francisco Bay Area, Skylar currently studies History and Jazz Performance at Columbia University and The Juilliard School in New York. William Schwartzman is a jazz performance major and pianist at The Juilliard School and a graduate of the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. Combining their artistries, acclaimed musicians Skylar and William take the audience on a captivating and emotional journey. Through soulful compositions and reimagined jazz standards, they display virtuosity and trust, sharing a message of peace and hope for the future.

#### **Amanda Pascali (starting June 19)**

Singer-songwriter Amanda Pascali writes music that speaks to the experience of growing up as a first-generation American, and with her songs going viral on social media, she has amassed hundreds of thousands of fans around the globe. Blending folk/Americana influences with Mediterranean, Balkan, and Latin rhythms, Amanda's songs are powerful tales of America. Born in New York City and now based in Texas, Amanda has performed internationally, from the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. to the European Union Parliament in Brussels, and around the world.

#### **SYNKO (starting June 22)**

SYNKO is an award-winning, multicultural, and multilingual five-member dance crew from Charlotte, NC that seamlessly blends American street dance roots with the vibrant energy of Korean pop. Since their debut in 2022, this crew has dominated the competitive dance scene, securing victories in every contest they've entered. Known for their genre-bending creativity and electrifying performances, they continue to cement their reputation as a rising force in global dance. With a mix of original choreography and covers, SYNKO pays tribute to the genres that sparked a cultural wave—including hip-hop, vogue, R&B, and house.

#### **Kayley Bishop (starting June 24)**

Kayley Bishop is a Nashville-based recording artist with a voice that's equal parts power and poetry. Her sound travels a well-worn highway between country, soul, and rock 'n' roll- with detours into gospel roots that stir the spirit. A finalist on Season 15 of NBC's The Voice, Kayley



has since carved out her own path as a full-time independent artist, touring nationally and writing songs that carry both conviction and comfort.

### **(Past) April- June Resident Artist Lineup**

We were honored to have hosted the below artists as our first cohort of performers and are grateful for the energy they brought to the USA Pavilion stage.

#### **Andrew Kasab**

Andrew Kasab is a guitarist, harp guitarist and singer-songwriter. He is known for energetic performances, using traditional and contemporary techniques, arrangements of modern and older works across a wide spectrum of styles for the guitar and harp guitar and has been performing for over 30 years.

#### **Champion Native American Hoop Dancers of the Southwest USA**

This award-winning Native American artist group has travelled all over the world showcasing this beautiful, cultural dance. The three-member group excels at the physically demanding art form in which the dancer manipulates hoops while dancing to the tempo and song of the Native American drummer/singer. This special and unique performance is one not to be missed.

#### **Leonieke and the New York Groove**

Led by Hammond/Suzuki artist Leonieke Scheuble, this jazz quartet has roots in blues, swing, and Latin American rhythms. Award-winning artist Leonieke brings old-school groove with fresh energy, and is backed by the incredible John Michalak, Ilan Eisensweig and Nick Scheuble, making a true jazz powerhouse team.

#### **Molodi**

Step dance and body percussion group Melodi provides a lesson in step dance and its important place in American cultural history. The group's lively and energetic performances encourage visitors to join in the fun and always have the crowd up on their feet.

#### **Ruby Hayes**

Originally from Arkansas and later based in Washington, DC, Ruby Hayes' soulful rhythm and blues vocals have brought her to stages around the United States and the world, with most



recent performances in Egypt, Thailand, and elsewhere. Her set includes some original songs and true crowd pleasers.

### **Restaurant Menu**

The USA Pavilion is proud to announce an exciting evolution of the restaurant menu, designed to elevate the culinary offering and enhance the guest journey through a thoughtfully curated dining experience and superior service model. The restaurant's mission remains to showcase the depth and warmth of American hospitality and to provide guests with a structured and memorable way to enjoy American cuisine.

The updated restaurant concept with tableside delivery and refined plating will feature set menu dining with a choice of three entree options (beef, salmon, vegetarian). Each meal set will include the chosen entree along with two accompaniments (southern coleslaw and ranch house fries). Optional desserts and beverages will also be available for purchase at 800 yen each, and the signature Spark Burger will remain available through the to-go window for 2,430 each (3,030 for the double Spark burger) with accompanying cole slaw and fries, for guests seeking a quick and satisfying meal option.

#### **Entree Options:**

Texas Braised BBQ Short Rib (4,800 yen)

Fall-off-the-bone tender braised beef glazed with house BBQ sauce featuring paprika and onion.

Smoke & Sugar Glazed Atlantic Salmon (4,800 yen)

Richly glazed with Kentucky bourbon, brown sugar, and cayenne; seared to a caramelized finish.

Campfire Vegetable Succotash with Grilled Haloumi (4,500 yen)

Corn, bell peppers, and cherry tomatoes with fresh herbs and seared Halloumi cheese.

#### **Accompaniments (included with all entrees):**

Southern Coleslaw

Crisp cabbage tossed in a tangy apple cider vinegar and creamy mayonnaise dressing.

Ranch House Fries

Idaho fries dusted with a nostalgic dry ranch blend of herbs and citrus zest.



The USA Pavilion is located in the “Empowering Lives” zone, closest to the East Gate, near the Yumeshima subway station of the Chuo line.

Official photographs are available here: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/expo\\_usapavilion/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/expo_usapavilion/)

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