



Earth Day festivities are happening now in Times Square w/ Grace Potter, Bloomberg, Gore, Junoon, others – stream it

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“ **Today, on Earth Day's 40th Anniversary**, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and Earth Day New York will be joined by environmental leaders, business leaders and local and international performers at **Times Square**, the Crossroads of the World.

The **celebration will run from 11am - 2pm**. Mayor Bloomberg is expected to make his Earth Day speech at 1:15pm. A special performance by United Nations Goodwill Ambassador and musician Salaman Ahmad and his band Junoon will close the celebration.

Featured speakers and performers include: UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, speaker Christine Quinn, Earth Day Network Honorary Chair and one of the founders of the Earth Day 1960 Denis Hayes, President and Executive Director of Earth Day New York Pamela Lippe and actor and founder of Bicycle for a Day Everyday Matthew Modine.

Business leaders, environmental leaders and performers who will also take the stage include: Tim Tompkins, President of Times Square Alliance, Ajamu Brown of The Center of Development of Human Services, Kate Sinding of Natural Resources Defense Council, Alex Matthiessen of Riverkeeper, artist Maya Lin, Gail Cunningham of Keep America Beautiful (KAB), Miss America Caressa Cameron, KAB president and CEO Matt McKenna, KAB chairman Barry Caldwell, Lisa Young of the Department of Interior, United Religions Initiative's Global Council Chair Yolanda Trevino, and the Environmental Defense Fund's Andy Darrell.

Vice President **Al Gore** and **Wangari Maathai** will both share their Earth Day messages virtually on the screens in Times Square. Entertainment will be provided by the cast from the Broadway show Hair, Mandy Gonzalez, Elphaba from Wicked, J. Xavier, **Grace Potter and the Nocturnals**, Blue Man Group and comedian Aisha Tyler.”

Grace Potter supposedly goes on at 11:21 [update, as of 11:26, she's still not on - also the stream sucks.... 11:35 - she's on]. There's also vendors set up in honor of Earth Day in Times Square until 4pm. " The event will take place in the newly created pedestrian plazas in Times Square on Broadway between 45th and 46th streets. As part of the celebration, the public plaza between 42nd and 43rd streets will host information booths on a variety of environmental issues."

You can **watch the performances at EarthCam's Times Square Cam**, and maybe on TV (or in person if you hurry).