Public Places, Summer Happenings

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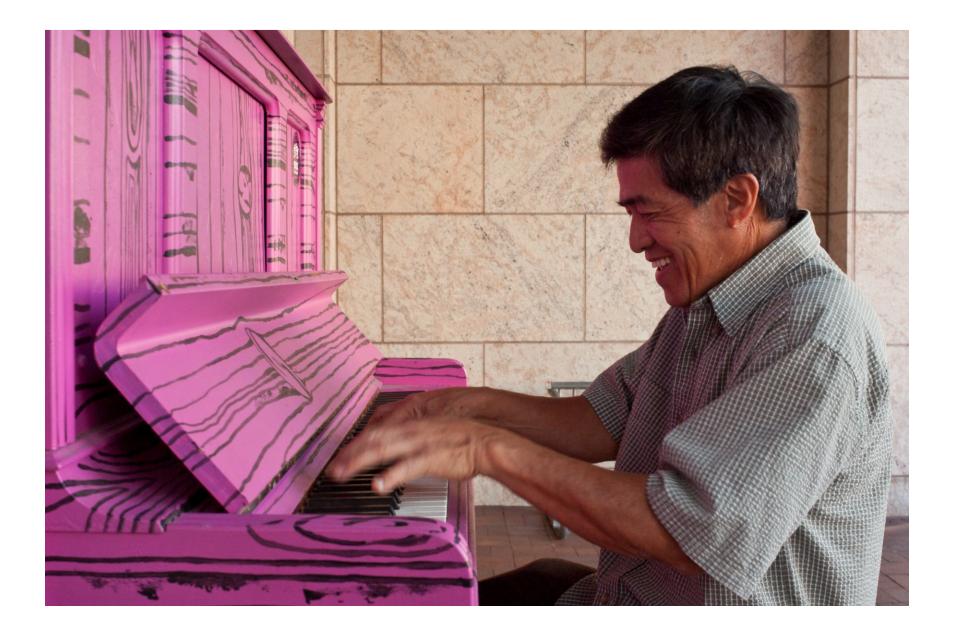
Summer in the City

I've called Lancaster, Pennsylvania, home for over thirty years now. It's proved a comfortable and engaging place to raise a family, to work, and to play. I have come to think of it as a place of near perfect scale, large enough to offer a good range of high quality resources yet small enough to assure easy access to these resources.

When most folks think of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, they usually mean Lancaster *County*, well known for its traditional Amish farms, historic railroad museums, popular theatrical venues, and extensive outlet malls.

For this photo project I have chosen instead to focus on residents and visitors enjoying the numerous free public summer happenings offered in Lancaster *City*. Here you'll see folks playing public pianos, skateboarding, making and enjoying music, dancing, and generally having a good time. I hope you enjoy these images as much as I enjoyed making them.

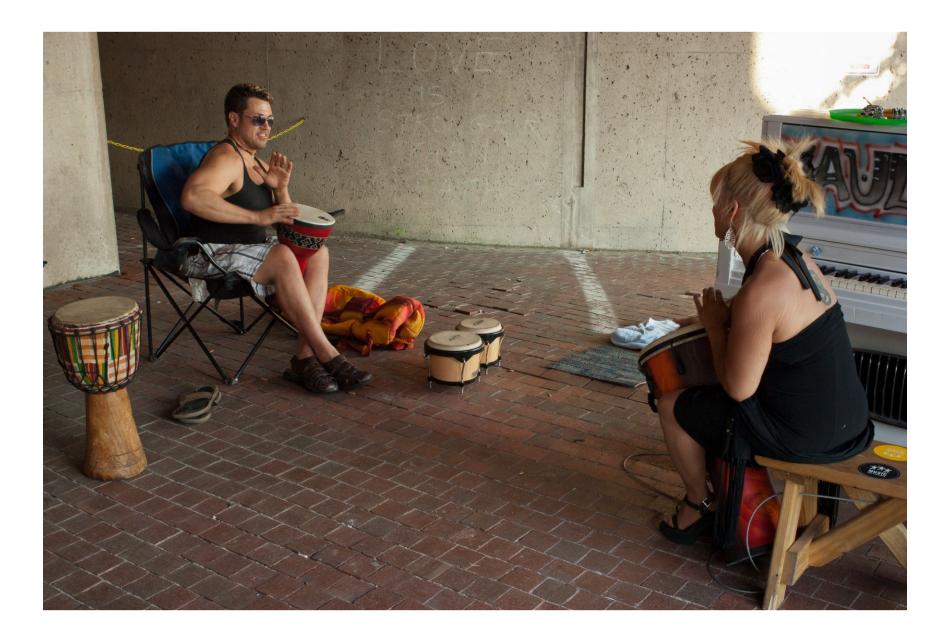
Friday, July 1st First Friday Street Festivities Downtown Lancaster

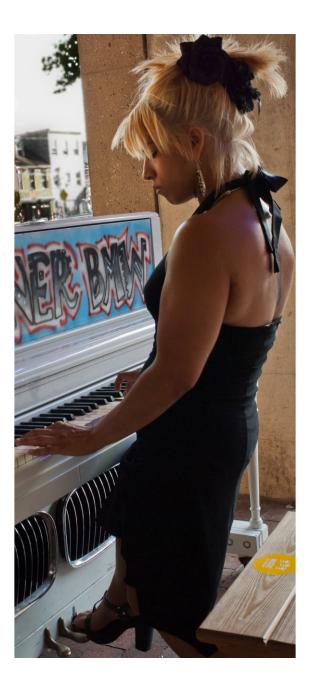








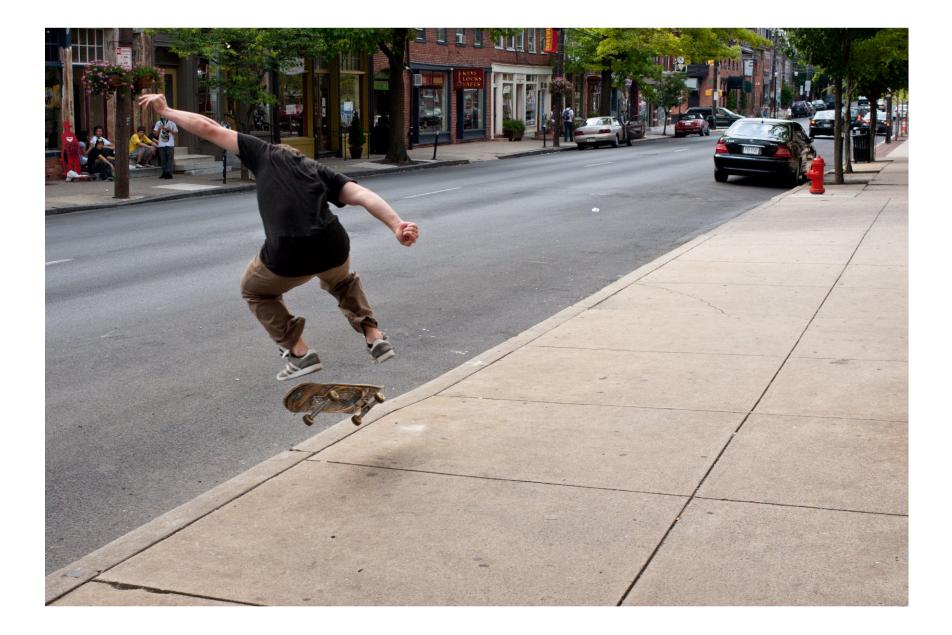








Saturday, July 2nd Skateboarding Queen Street





Monday, July 4th Old Fashioned 4th of July Musser Park





Tuesday, July 5th Kirk Reese Trio Jazz in Steinman Park





Saturday, July 9th Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale State Street









Sunday, July 10th Second Sunday Food Fest Building Character









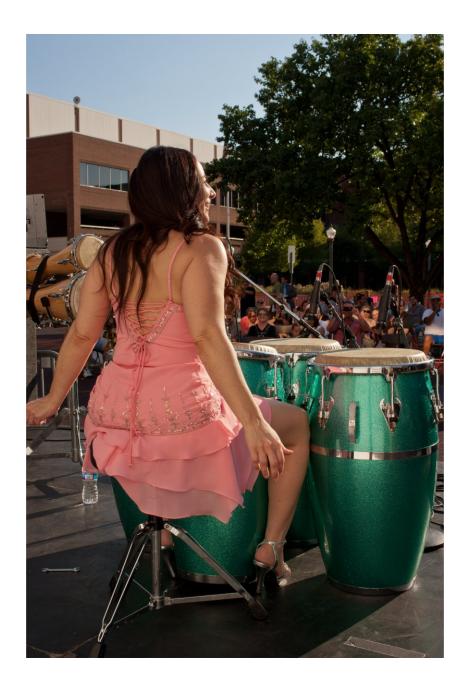
Tuesday, July 12th Bon Accord Jazz in Steinman Park





Friday, July 15th Third Friday Music (and more) Lancaster Square





















Saturday, July 16th

Summer Fest

Bright Side Opportunities Center













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