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### MTA LIRR Is the Best Way to Travel to Forest Hills Stadium for Summer Lineup of Pop Music Concerts

***See Ed Sheeran, The Who, Van Morrison, D'Angelo & The Vanguard, James Taylor, Santana, New York Pops & Alabama Shakes Live***

The iconic Forest Hills Stadium is back as a major music venue and the best way to get there is to hop aboard the Long Island Rail Road.

The LIRR will be making extra stops at its Forest Hills Station, just a short walk from the stadium, throughout the concert season which kicks off on Thursday, May 28 with Ed Sheeran and runs through Saturday, September 19 when Alabama Shakes comes to town. In between, you can see the likes of The Who, Van Morrison, D'Angelo and The Vanguard, James Taylor, Santana and the New York Pops with Broadway star Sutton Foster. On concert days, the LIRR will make Forest Hills a regular stop in both directions between 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. for those going to the show and from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for the trip home. Here's a rundown of the dates and the entertainment:

Thursday May 28 – Ed Sheeran

Friday, May 29 – Ed Sheeran

Saturday, May 30 – The Who Hits 50

Friday, June 19 – Van Morrison with special guest Taj Mahal

Sunday, June 21 – D'Angelo and The Vanguard with Gary Clark Jr.

Tuesday, August 4 – James Taylor and his All Star Band

Thursday, August 6 – The New York Pops with Sutton Foster

Friday, August 7 – The New York Pops with Sutton Foster

Friday, August 14 – Santana

Saturday September 19 – Alabama Shakes with special guests Drive By Trucker

Originally built in 1923 as the home of the U.S. Open Tennis Championship, Forest Hills Stadium in Queens also played host to the greats of music, including The Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Barbra Streisand and Simon & Garfunkel.

Forest Hills Stadium opens by 6 p.m. on show nights and LIRR customers are reminded that only the first four cars of their train can stop at Forest Hills because the platform is too short to handle more. So, they should board the train using one of the first four cars to minimize delays caused when passengers have to walk through multiple cars to exit.

#### For More Information

The latest information on LIRR service is available at <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/> or by signing up for free customer service alerts via email or text at [www.mymtaalerts.com](http://www.mymtaalerts.com). Customers may also call 511, the New York State Travel Information line, and say: Long Island Rail Road to reach a customer service representative. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.