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**Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

WITH LIVE MUSIC BY

**Ben l'Oncle Soul &  
Daby Touré**

## Bastille Day returns to Marlborough Street

Iconic street festival with food, drinks and dancing

Friday, July 14, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Gates open at 6:00 PM. Music ends at 10:00 PM.

on Marlborough Street, Boston  
(between Berkeley and Clarendon)

### Tickets

In advance: \$33

At the door: \$40 (if available)

Event sold out in advance the last three years.

Free for children under 10

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Boston, MA – The French Cultural Center's signature Bastille Day Party returns to Marlborough Street on Friday, July 14 for a celebration of Francophone cultures. Each year, the street party fills the entire block with a stellar concert, dancing, festive food and drinks. Bastille Day, France's national holiday, commemorates the birth of French democracy.

After a sold-out event in 2014, 2015 and 2016, this year's festival is not to be missed. The line-up, programmed by World Music/CRASHarts, showcases two phenomenal Francophone acts: [Ben l'Oncle Soul](#), a French singer with a unique retro style, and [Daby Touré](#), who enraptures audiences with his ethereal voice, masterful guitar work and original songs.

Back Bay's beautiful Marlborough Street will be blocked off between Berkeley and Clarendon Streets to accommodate 2,000 revelers dancing in the street. Delicious French food from eight [standout restaurants](#) in New England including Bar Boulud, Bastille Kitchen, La Voile (Boston and Brookline), Mr. Crêpe, Teranga, Waffle Cabin and Wilson Farm. Drinks, including beer and wine, will also be available for purchase.

This Bastille Day celebration is fun for the whole family with an activity corner for kids featuring face-painting, art-making and games from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

For tickets and more information, visit [frenchculturalcenter.org](http://frenchculturalcenter.org).

This is a popular event, and tickets sell quickly! This is a rain or shine event. Tickets are non-refundable. Strollers and backpacks are not allowed.

## About the Bands



### Ben l'Oncle Soul

Ben l'Oncle Soul is a French singer with a unique retro style. He intermingles hip-hop, pop melodies, soul and reggae, and adds in the feline swing of jazz between the lines.

His stage name, which literally translates to "Ben the soul uncle," fits this superstar in the making. With humble respect to the legendary Frank Sinatra, his latest album, *Under My Skin* (2016), released by Blue Note, celebrates the music icon

with a fresh take on the classic, sprinkling in tinges of gospel, reggae, R&B and a bit of Caribbean spice, reflecting the artist's West Indian roots.



### Daby Touré

His melodic hooks, masterful guitar work and ethereal voice give rise to a joyful global beat.

Based in Paris, France, Daby spent his childhood in Mauritania and Senegal in western Africa, inspiring his embrace of a variety of musical genres. He opened for Peter Gabriel on his "Growing Up" world tour, collaborated with French pop icons Francis Cabrel and Maxime Le Forestier and has sung alongside rock

legends and pop stars that include Bob Geldof and Rihanna. Daby brings a complex yet approachable sound to his latest album, Amonafi, released by Cumbancha.

Photos can be downloaded using this [Dropbox Link](#) or contact:

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## About Bastille Day

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Bastille Day, France's national holiday, is celebrated on July 14th, commemorating the storming of the Bastille prison on that day in 1789. The holiday celebrates the people's uprising against the monarchy and espouses the three pillars of the French Republic: Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.

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# About the French Cultural Center

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The French Cultural Center is a nonprofit organization that brings French language and Francophone cultures to New England residents through lectures, exhibits, concerts, social events and language courses. Its private French library is the largest one of its kind in New England, housing a collection of more than 28,000 items, including books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and electronic and educational resources. The Center is also home to the Alliance Française of Boston and Cambridge. As a member of the Alliance Française network, the Center offers French courses for all ages and levels, taught by native French-speaking faculty.

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