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The Bullock Museum's Music Under The Star free concert series features Texas favorites, such as Brownout (above), hand-picked by the producers of Fun Fun Fun Fest in honor of its 10th anniversary.

Brownout to headline July 10 free concert Sweet Spirit opening Music Under the Star at the Bullock

JULY 7, 2015 (AUSTIN, TX) — The Bullock Texas State History Museum and Fun Fun Fun Fest will host the first Music Under the Star free concert Friday, July 10 featuring Brownout with Sweet Spirit. The Bullock Museum asked FFF Fest to select the lineup of the museum's free concerts this year in honor of the festival's 10th anniversary. All concerts will be held on the Lone Star Plaza of the Bullock Museum, 1800 N. Congress Ave., with music beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring camp chairs or blankets.

Formed 10 years ago by members of Grammy-Award-winning Latin revival orchestra Grupo Fantasma, Brownout has evolved into a musical force all its own. After garnering their third Austin Music Award last year, the band has continued to produce music that is unflinchingly progressive, while evoking the classic influences of artists such as WAR, Cymande and Funkadelic. Brownout has released three albums including "Homenaje" (Freestyle Records 2008), "Aguilas & Cobras" (Six Degrees 2009) and "Oozy" (Nat Geo 2012).

The band has performed at events such as Bonnaroo, High Sierra Music Festival, Pickathon, FFFFest, Bear Creek Music Festival, Utopia Festival and Pachanga Fest, while regularly touring the United States. Brownout has also served as a highly in-demand backing band for artists like Prince, Daniel Johnston, GZA and Bernie Worrell.

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Opening for Brownout is Sweet Spirit, which is the latest musical project of Sabrina Ellis and Andrew Cashen and has quickly garnered critical praise and captivated the Austin music scene. Known to long-time Austinites for their work in "A Giant Dog" and "Bobby Jealousy," Sweet Spirit proudly strengthens a decade-plus collaboration between the writing partners. In February, the band released its self-titled debut EP and has been traveling with Spoon throughout the year.

"High energy Latin funk and shambolic, slightly unhinged rock that makes you wanna dance? Sign me up!," KUTX Program Director Matt Reilly said. "These are two great bands that help define the sound of modern Austin, and I'm really excited to see them together."

On July 17, the Music Under the Star series continues with rising folk-rock band East Cameron Folkcore opening for Indie-rock icon Ben Kweller, who has captured the hearts of fans and critics for 15 years. Austin's own The Octopus Project will highlight the final Music Under the Star concert July 24 with their hypnotic combination of digital and electronic sounds and noises and signature analog equipment. Opening for The Octopus Project is one of Austin's most exciting new acts, Golden Dawn Arkestra, offering a hallucinatory funk show you won't want to miss.

Music Under the Star is part of the Bullock Museum's "100 Days of Stories," a full summer lineup of exhibitions, films and events that encourage visitors to celebrate the many stories of Texas and to tell their own. For more information and concert updates, visit TheStoryofTexas.com.

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About the Bullock Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin includes three floors of exhibitions, an IMAX® theater, a 4D special-effects theater, café and museum store. The Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals to display original historical artifacts and produce exhibitions that illuminate and celebrate Texas history and culture. Named for the state's 38th Lieutenant Governor, Bob Bullock, the iconic building is at 1800 N. Congress Avenue. For more, visit TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512)936-8746.

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