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Celebrations

Independence Day may not arrive officially until Tuesday, but on either side of the Hudson no one is waiting until then to set off the figurative fireworks. At 3:30 p.m. Saturday on the Great Lawn of Battery Park, the Alliance for Downtown New York will present a



free concert featuring the Grammy Award-winning pop singer Shawn Colvin and the British folk rocker Billy Bragg. At the first Liberty State Park Music and Heritage Festival, in Jersey City on Saturday, music, sailing ships and other activities will surround an environmental conference. On the big day, at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, **Wynton Marsalis** and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra will spotlight the music of Louis Armstrong in a free two-set concert bracketing the fireworks at 9 p.m.

Just Looking

“Van Gogh: Face to Face” has moved from Midwest to East. Covering the full range of the artist’s portraiture, this popular exhibition, which started its tour in March at the Detroit Institute of Arts, opens on Sunday for a run through Sept. 24 at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Assembled from private collections and museums around the