



Battery Park City Authority

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BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY RELEASES WINTER PROGRAM & EVENT GUIDE

Details free events for all across Battery Park City from January through April

The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) today released its [Winter 2023 Program & Event Guide](#), detailing a broad range of free programming – including art, music, poetry, nature, film, cooking, exercise, and more – across Battery Park City from January through April. The Guide features illustrated program offerings organized by monthly event highlights and by those of interest to adults and seniors, school-aged children, and preschoolers, as well as information about classes available at Battery Park City's Community Center at Stuyvesant High School. Available on BPCA's website, hard copies of the Guide will be arriving to all mailing list subscribers next week and will also be available in New York State's ten most common non-English languages. Interested individuals can subscribe to the mailing list online at bpca.ny.gov/events, by phone at (212) 267-9700, or at any BPCA program or event.

"Winter's on its way and with it another season full of free programming for all ages," said **BPCA President & Chief Executive Officer B.J. Jones**. "We look forward to seeing you and yours in the months ahead at our wide range of events throughout Battery Park City."

"I am so pleased to see that once again, the Battery Park City Authority is presenting programming that enriches and inspires the Lower Manhattan community and visitors alike," said **Assemblymember Deborah Glick**. "Their events reflect the breadth and diversity of New York City and will provide opportunities to celebrate the arts and culture, and to engage in terrific outdoor recreation."

"I'm excited to see that the BPCA has programmed an extensive series of events for the neighborhood this season," said **Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou**. "Activating our public spaces and bringing neighbors together is key to building strong community across the city. I hope all Lower Manhattan residents take the opportunity to engage with these free opportunities."

"Wintertime doesn't need to be idle time!" said **Tammy Meltzer, Chair of Manhattan Community Board 1**. "CB 1 is looking forward to another season of great events and time well spent with our neighbors."

"I'm thrilled to be joining the Battery Park City community as the new Executive Director of Poets House," said **Rob Arnold, Executive Director of Poets House**. "I'm especially grateful for the opportunity to collaborate on an upcoming Tuesday Talk event, which will feature Cornelius Eady, renowned poet, radio host, musician, and former Interim Director of Poets House. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into Poets House in the new year – I hope in the coming spring. In the meantime, look out for more digital programming, creative window displays, and future collaborations with our friends in the community!"

Highlights of [BPCA's Winter 2023 Program & Event Guide](#) include—

JANUARY

Through January 28 – across Battery Park City

- [Recycle Your Tree](#). Help Battery Park City stay green! Please deposit your tree without decorations on the curb for pickup by BPCA's Park Operations team through January 28. Trees are chipped and used for mulch in the parks of Battery Park City. For more information, call (212) 267-9700.

Thursday, January 19, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

- [Paradox Docs: American Movie](#). Battery Park City's Paradox Docs series, featuring a movie each month this winter, highlights films that feature contradictory yet fascinating stories from unlikely sources. In *American Movie* (1999), directed by Chris Smith, an aspiring filmmaker attempts to finance his dream project of finally completing the low-budget horror film he abandoned years before. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screening.

Sunday, January 29, 1-3PM @ 6 River Terrace

- [Annual Art Exhibition – Opening Reception](#). All are welcome to come and enjoy work created at BPCA's art programs. Meet fellow artists and the artists / educators who lead the programs.

Post-reception, art will be available for public viewing on Thursdays from February 2-February 23 at 6 River Terrace, 2-5:30PM.

Monday, January 30, Online

- [2023 Annual Virtual Art Exhibition](#). Enjoy a virtual gallery of artwork created by participants at BPCA's art programs. This video presentation can be viewed at the in-person Art Exhibition at 6 River Terrace (above), or beginning January 30 on [BPCA's YouTube channel](#).

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 9, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **Paradox Docs: F Is For Fake**. *F is for Fake* (1973), directed by **Orson Welles**, is a dizzying journey that uses art forgery as a starting point to discuss fakery and fakers of all stripes. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screening.

Friday, February 10, 12-6PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **BPC Valentine Blood Drive**. Show the love, donate blood! Help replenish dwindling supplies in the tri-state area. The whole process takes less than an hour and one donation can save multiple lives! Sign up today at: nybloodcenter.org.

Sunday, February 12, 11AM @ 6 River Terrace

- **Valentine Making Workshop**. All we need is LOVE! Take part in this time-honored annual Battery Park City tradition, where participants are invited to make old-fashioned handmade cards for their loved ones! Cut, paste, and decorate with provided materials, and don't forget to seal it with a kiss. Art projects are designed for ages 4 and up. Registration required as space is limited; please email: registration@bpca.ny.gov

Thursday, February 16, 7:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **NY Laughs**. In celebration of Black History Month, join us for a sober evening of stand-up comedy with NY Laughs. This unique non-profit seeks to enrich lives, build community, and inspire audiences through humor. Recommended for teens and adults. Some content may not be appropriate for young children. [Click here to RSVP](#).

Tuesday, February 21, 1PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **Tuesday Talk: Poets House, Living History with Poet Cornelius Eady**. In celebration of Black History Month, and in partnership with Poets House, join renowned poet and musician Cornelius Eady for a reading and talk. He is the author of several celebrated collections of poetry, including *The Gathering of My Name*, which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. A beloved teacher, Eady is currently John C. Hodges Chair at the University of Tennessee/Knoxville.

MARCH

Thursday, March 16, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **Paradox Docs: Poly Styrene: I Am A Cliché**. In celebration of Women's History month, *Poly Styrene: I am a Cliché* (2021), directed by Celeste Bell and Paul Sng, follows a journey through the archives of punk icon and X-Ray Spex front-woman Poly Styrene. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screening.

Saturday, March 18, 10:30AM-12:30PM @ Rockefeller Park

- **Outdoor Ed-ventures: Obstacle Course**. Families are invited to join us for the ultimate obstacle course crush! Each play safe obstacle has been constructed to challenge agility, coordination, balance, speed, and endurance.

Saturday, March 25, 11AM-12PM @ Meet at The Real World in Rockefeller Park

- **Nature Walk with Urban Naturalists**. In celebration of Women's History Month, join a women-led nature walk through Rockefeller Park. The naturalists will present a unique take on active conservation that encourages all to discover the great outdoors. To register, please email: registration@bpca.ny.gov

APRIL

Mondays, April 10-24, 9:30AM @ Rector Park East

- **NYS Birding Trail**. Join BPCA naturalists to learn more about The New York State Birding Trail, which highlights world-class birding opportunities across the state – and to which [Battery Park City has recently been added](#). Together, we will explore the parks of BPC, and see what makes this spot a hang-out for resident urban birds and marvelous migrators! Binoculars and field guides provided, or bring your own. To register email: registration@bpca.ny.gov.

Thursday, April 13, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **Paradox Docs: Daguerreotypes**. Daguerreotypes (1976), directed by Agnès Varda, is a portrait of the stores and shopkeepers of the Rue Daguerre in Paris. Between the everyday rituals of their work, they talk of their lives, relationships, and dreams. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screening.

Monday, April 17, 1:30-2:30PM @ Rockefeller Park

- **Meet the Beekeeper**. Join a presentation and talk led by Alvéole beekeepers at the Battery Park City hive located at the Chambers Street entrance to Rockefeller Park. Learn about the importance of urban beekeeping and its benefit to sustainability efforts in the neighborhood and throughout the city.

BPCA's weeklong celebration of Earth Week 2023

- Join BPCA for virtual and live events, including composting in Battery Park City, sustainability initiatives, and Earth-friendly activities from April 16-22. Visit BPCA's project page on [iNaturalist](#) to collect data, find event updates, and explore more fun ways to get involved in tracking BPC's biodiversity. Check BPCA's social media channels for more information.

FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Wednesdays, January 11-March 29 @ 6 River Terrace

- **Kindie Rock**. Our fantastic roster of Kindie Rock performers lead families with little ones in rocking sing-a-longs! First come, first served free program; space is limited
 - Session 1: 9:30-10:30AM
 - Session 2: 10:45-11:30AM

Thursdays, January 12-March 30 @ 6 River Terrace

- **Preschool Play & Art. Calling all toddlers!** Interactive play, art-making, and more. For walking toddlers through preschool-aged children and accompanying adults. Adults participate throughout the program. Registration required, please email: registration@bpca.ny.gov.

Thursdays, January 12-March 30 @ 6 River Terrace

- **Tunes & Tales for Toddlers**. Interactive music-making, story-telling, and more for walking toddlers through preschool-aged children and accompanying adults. Adults participate throughout the program. Registration required, please email: registration@bpca.ny.gov.
 - Session 1: 3:15-4PM
 - Session 2: 4:14-5PM

FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

Tuesdays, March 21-April 18, 3:15-4:45PM @ Rockefeller Park

- **Early Spring Gardening (for ages 6-10)**. Celebrate spring by digging and planting in the Children's Garden. Learn about green practices and composting firsthand. For children who enjoy nature and like to get dirty! Registration required, please email: registration@bpca.ny.gov.

FOR ADULTS & SENIORS

Wednesdays, January 11-March 29. 1-2PM @ 200 Rector Place Community Room

- **Adult Chorus**. Directed by Church Street School of Music, the chorus is open to all who love to sing! Learn contemporary and classic songs and perform at community events throughout the year.

Select Thursdays (January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13), 11AM-12PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **Meet Me in the Kitchen: Making Healthy Choices**. Nutritionist Lauren C. Kelly offers creative twists on classic recipes, food preparation and cooking trends. From appetizers, to entrees, and dessert, learn how to design menus using helpful tips and current research findings for better health and eating. Registration required, please email: registration@bpca.ny.gov.

COMMUNITY CENTER AT STUYVESTANT HIGH SCHOOL

The [Community Center at Stuyvesant High School \(CCSHS\)](#), located at 345 Chambers Street, is a community resource operated by BPCA seven days a week when school is not in session, with deeply discounted annual membership rates for Battery Park City residents. Day passes are also available to all New Yorkers.

Saturdays & Sundays, January-May

- [Group Swim Lessons for Kids](#). Learning to swim develops confidence both in and out of the water. Kids learn water safety skills, as well as a healthy physical activity that can be performed throughout life. Six sessions free with CCSHS membership (\$60 for non-members). Ability levels and class times listed online.
 - Cycle 1: January 7-February 12
 - Cycle 2: February 25-April 2
 - Cycle 3: April 15-May 21

Mondays (January-June) & Wednesdays (January-March), 7-8PM

- [Hatha Yoga](#). Learn poses and relaxation techniques while increasing energy levels in this slow-paced stretch class. Monday session* for members; Wednesday session free to non-members.
* No class 1/16, 2/20, 5/29, 6/19

These highlighted events are in addition to BPCA's [weekly recurring programs](#) for all ages, including art, fitness, and more.

About BPCA: Established in 1968, The Hugh L. Carey Battery Park City Authority is a New York State Public Benefit Corporation charged with developing and maintaining a well-balanced, 92-acre community of commercial, residential, retail and open space, including 36 acres of public parks, on Manhattan's Lower West Side. Through execution of its [first-ever strategic plan](#), BPCA works daily toward being an inclusive community, a safe and climate resilient place, and a vibrant public space, all while demonstrating leadership for the future with a team dedicated to improving service and project delivery. For more info visit: bpca.ny.gov

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