SUMMER 2023
TUESDAY, MAY 02 – SATURDAY, MAY 06
ILLUMINATION SPRING SHOWCASE
7:30PM, BELVEDERE PLAZA
Immerse yourself in a one-of-a-kind outdoor light festival with Illumination.nyc. For five nights see Battery Park City in a whole new light, interact with light-based creations, dance to DJs under the stars, and catch a surprise performance or two. The show closes on 5/6 with a silent disco with QuietEvents. Headphones are free; id is required. Scan the QR Code to RSVP.

SELECT THURSDAYS, MAY 04, JUN 01, JUL 06
CONTEMPORARY ASIAN AMERICAN BALLADS
7-8PM, RECTOR PARK EAST
Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month in May. Asian American Writer’s Workshop presents poetry readings at Rector Park East near the sculpture Ape & Cat (All the Dance) by Jim Dine. Poetry will continue in June and July. Since 1991, AAWW has helped define contemporary Asian American literature and provided an alternative platform that addresses issues at the intersection of migration, race, and social justice. Made possible through a partnership with the Battery Park City Authority.

SUNDAY, MAY 06
I LOVE MY PARK DAY
11AM-12PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK HOUSE
Calling all Citizen Scientists! Join volunteers across New York State’s beautiful parks. Download the Naturalist free app to learn about the vast diversity of wildlife that calls Battery Park City home. Every observation contributes to documenting the biodiversity of BPC. Stop by the information table for more details!

THURSDAY, MAY 11
HK2K FLIX: INFERNAL AFFAIRS
6:30PM, 6 RIVER TERRACE
In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, BPCA presents Infernal Affairs (2002), co-directed by Andrew Lau and Alan Mak. A story between a mole Hong Kong Police Force officer and another undercover cop. Their objectives are the same: to find out who is the mole, and who is the cop. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screening.

SELECT FRIDAYS
NEW YORK ART LECTURE SERIES
12-1:30PM, 200 RECTOR PLACE
Join artist historian and lecturer Sylvia Laudien-Meo for illustrated presentations and dynamic discussions via Zoom in a group setting.

MAY 05: MTA ARTS AND DESIGN
The Metropolitan Transportation Authority commissions artists to create outstanding art for subway stations. The art celebrates cultural diversity, history, and neighborhoods, and empowers stewards to be proud members of this creative world capital.

MAY 12: TIFFANY & LA FARGE – REVOLUTIONARY AMERICAN GLASS WINDOWS
In the closing decades of the 19th century, Louis Comfort Tiffany and John La Farge were competitors for stained glass commissions throughout the country. Their works express interests in travel, distant cultures, nature, Art Nouveau, and complex interior decoration. Made possible through a partnership with the Battery Park City Authority.

SATURDAY, MAY 06
GO FISH!
BATTERY PARK CITY’S CELEBRATION OF LIFE IN THE HUDSON ESTUARY
10AM-1PM, BELVEDERE PLAZA
Join experienced anglers for catch-and-release fishing and learn about life in the Hudson River. Help observe and identify the fish we catch, enabling us to share valuable data with research groups who monitor the health of our local waters. The day also includes an art project and a nature walk. Plus: don’t miss a live performance from carnival troupe Bloco from the Block.

SUNDAY, MAY 14
HONORING WOMANHOOD ON MOTHER’S DAY
POEMS BY MAHOGANY L. BROWNE & FRIENDS
2-3:30PM, ESPONALADE PLAZA AT JUSTICE REFLECTED
Mahogany L. Browne reads from her books Woke Baby, Black Girl Magic: A Poem, and I Remember Death By Its Proximity to What I Love, a response to the impact of mass incarceration on women and children. Enjoy readings by other poets who are mothers, music, and art activity. Mother’s Day in America began as a day of activism to decrease infant mortality. During the Civil War it became an anti-war call to action for mothers of both Confederates and Union families and an international movement for “women to promote the interests of peace.”
JUNE EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUN 03
SATURDAY FAMILY WORKSHOP: DRAG STORY HOUR
11AM, ROCKEFELLER PARK HOUSE
In celebration of Pride Month, BPCA presents Drag Story Hour, a fun and fabulous educational experience that celebrates gender diversity and all forms of difference to build empathy and give kids the confidence to express themselves however they feel comfortable.

THURSDAY, JUN 01
HK2K FLIX: IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE
6:30PM, 6 RIVER TERRACE
Set in the Hong Kong of the early 1960’s, In the Mood for Love (2000), directed by Wong Kar-wai, tells the story of two neighbors who form a strong bond after both suspect their spouses of having an affair. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screening.

THURSDAY, JUN 15
SILENT DISCO PRIDE PARTY
7–10PM, ESPLANADE PLAZA
Celebrate Pride Month with a silent disco dance party featuring Gotham Cheer and queer DJ’s from QuietEvents. Breathtaking sunset views and Lady Liberty will serve as our backdrop as we dance to the hottest beats pumped through light-up headphones. Headphones are free; ID is required.

THURSDAY, JUN 08
INTERLUDES: PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY
6:30PM, BELVEDERE PLAZA
One of the most famous and dynamic modern dance ensembles of our time, the Paul Taylor School, will lead a fun interactive dance class featuring choreography from their world-renowned repertoire. Discover why this dynamic dance company continues to transform and inspire lives around the world.
Saturday, Jun 10 & Sunday, Jun 11
Mahicantuk, "River That Flows Two Ways"
11am–5pm, Belvedere Plaza
Colombian artist Marta Blair invites the public to participate in a large-scale tape installation inspired by a name Lenape people call the Hudson River: Mahicantuk, "River that Flows Two Ways". By infusing color and large scale forms that mimic the flow of the estuary, Blair aims to recreate connections between nature and the urban landscape.

Saturday, Jun 17
River to River Festival
4–6pm, Rockefeller Park
JUNETEETH CELEBRATION
Juneteenth, or Emancipation Day, originated in 1865 in Galveston, Texas. Battery Park City’s 7th annual Juneteenth Celebration offers fun and history, art and music. The Federation of Black Cowboys share history, horsemanship, and riding (ages 3 and up). Paint your own Juneteenth flag and make a bandana. Western-style or Juneteenth dress is optional! Bring a blanket and dinner basket!

Friday, Jun 23
25th Anniversary Swedish Midsummer Festival
5–8pm, Rockefeller Park
GRAND ENTRANCE: CHAMBERS ST. & RIVER TERRACE
Enjoy this nostalgic celebration of the summer solstice. Join in a lively dance around the Midsummer pole. Make wreaths from beautiful flowers representing those in bloom on the solstice in Sweden. Enjoy a parade, children’s games, and Swedish delicacies. Traditional music by Paul Dahlin and fiddlers from the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. Dances led by Ross Sutter, a Scandinavian folklorist.

Presented by the Consulate General of Sweden, New York and Battery Park City Authority.

Window Exhibition – Coming in June!
Poets House, 10 River Terrace
Explore poets’ responses to climate change and their celebration of the natural world around us in a window exhibition. While the building is undergoing renovation, the exhibition can be viewed from River Terrace and Murray Street.

Wednesday, Jun 28
BPC Community Field Day
11am–2pm, Rockefeller Park
School’s out for the summer! Celebrate at Community Field Day in Rockefeller Park. Fast break to the basketball court for a clinic led by coaches from the New York Liberty. Take part in classic field day games and our annual tug-of-war. Plus live DJ, lawn games, water play, and so much more!
RIVER & BLUES
EXPERIENCE WORLD-CLASS BLUES INSPIRED MUSIC WHILE THE SUN SETS IN NEW LOCATION ROCKEFELLER PARK!
DOORS: 6PM, SHOW: 7PM

THURSDAY, JUL 06
THE DIP
Seattle-based, seven-piece The Dip delivers the kind of unbridled rhythm-and-blues that hits on every emotional level. Inciting everything from raw catharsis to heavy-hearted reckoning to wildly exuberant joy, the resulting body of work captures the mood of the current moment while offering immediate escape into a more elevated state of mind.

THURSDAY, JUL 13
LEE FIELDS
Lee Fields’ prolific, decade-spanning career continues to reign supreme on the modern soul scene. In addition to twenty albums and over forty singles, his body of work continues to garner the attention via samples of pop artists and hip hop heavyweights.

THURSDAY, JUL 20
TAMIKREST
Tamikrest’s music draws from West African Ishumar rebel music, Tuareg Blues, and borrows from various international influences, as well as neighboring cultures. The band seeks to make Tamasheq poetry and culture accessible to inhabitants of a world larger than the immensity of the Saharan desert.

THURSDAY, JUL 27
ALLISON RUSSELL
Allison Russell - poet, singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, activist, and co-founder of Our Native Daughters and Birds of Chicago – unpacks her youth in searing detail on her tour de force debut album Outside Child. She sings about deliverance and redemption, about the places and people and realizations that helped her survive and claim her freedom.
SATURDAY, JULY 15
SATURDAY FAMILY WORKSHOP: CITY OF WATER DAY
11AM, RECTOR GATE
City of Water Day is a free, harbor-wide celebration organized by the Waterfront Alliance and its partners to get people to, on, and in the water. Join us at this ideal Hudson-side setting to celebrate and learn about environmental stewardship and take part in a nature walk that will culminate in a collaborative art project.

MONDAY – FRIDAY, JULY 31 – AUGUST 18
PAINT, POP, & ROCK
FOR AGES 14-17
12:30-5PM, 6 RIVER TERRACE
FEES VARY BASED ON ENROLLMENT
REGISTRATION REQUIRED, SPACE IS LIMITED.
Co-presented with the Church Street School of Music and Art, teens of all levels are invited to make art and music, collaborate on weekly performances, and take part in a live concert and art show on 8/18.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE
12-6PM, 6 RIVER TERRACE
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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
COMMUNITY DANCE: DANCE PARTY NYC
7PM, ESPLANADE PLAZA
On a single day, at partner sites across all five boroughs, thousands of New Yorkers will be dancing in a moment of mass joy and celebration. A DJ will spin all your summertime favorites while we learn dance moves from across the ages. Come out to BPC’s ultimate outdoor dance party – and let’s all dance together!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
INTERLUDES: BRASS QUEENS
6:30PM, BELVEDERE PLAZA
Brass Queens is an 8-piece brass band whose music is deeply inspired by the New Orleans tradition, while also spanning various genres. Hailing from Brooklyn, the Brass Queens features an all-female horn section that strives to expand the space for women in a male-dominant industry.
SATURDAY, AUG 12 – FRIDAY, AUG 18
42ND BATTERY DANCE FESTIVAL
7PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK
The Battery Dance Festival is New York City’s longest-running free public dance festival. Now in its 42nd year, the Festival once again will bring together dance artists from all over the world in lower Manhattan, showcasing a variety of styles, from classical to modern, in celebration of the universal.
Presented by Battery Dance in partnership with Battery Park City Authority.

WEDNESDAYS
JUL 12–JUL 26
POETRY WALKS IN BPC
10–11:30AM, MEETS AT ROCKEFELLER PARK HOUSE
Calling all poetry enthusiasts! Join a walk exploring BPC’s unique poetic experience. Each week, we will find places where poetry appears in the parks’ urban/natural setting. Read and discuss! A fun activity to celebrate our impressions will follow.

WEDNESDAYS
MAY 03–OCT 11
SUNSET YOGA
6–7PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK SOUTH LAWN
Namaste! Unwind from the day with outdoor yoga. Immerse yourself in this meditative practice surrounded by the Hudson’s peaceful aura. Strengthen the body and cultivate awareness in a relaxed environment as your instructor guides you through alignments and poses. All levels welcome. Bringing your own mat is encouraged, as provided accessories are first come, first served.
PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES
FRIDAYS
MAY 12-JUN 30
SUNSET SINGING CIRCLE
7-8:30PM, IRISH HUNGER MEMORIAL PLAZA
Singer-songwriter Terre Roche leads this weekly singing program with the beautiful backdrop of the setting sun over the Hudson. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned crooner, the singing circle is perfect for mellow melodies and healthy harmonizing. No program 6/23.

FRIDAYS
JUL 07-AUG 11
SUNSET JAM ON THE HUDSON
6:30-7:30PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK HOUSE
Rhythm and grooves fill the air at this Friday evening program. Follow the lead of professional drummers as they guide you through the pulsating beats of traditional African drumming techniques. Drums provided, dancing welcome!

MONDAYS
MAY 01-OCT 30
CREATIVE WRITING
2-3:30PM, BATTERY PARK CITY LIBRARY, 175 NORTH END AVENUE
FREE PROGRAM: REGISTRATION REQUIRED, SPACE IS LIMITED
Co-presented with the Battery Park City Library, join us for a weekly writing session led by Author and Poet Jon Curley. Taking inspiration from life events, participants will be encouraged to use reflection as a way to enhance their writing styles in any preferred mode. Registration required, please email: registration@bpca.ny.gov. No program 5/29.

MONDAYS
MAY 02-JUN 12
SENIOR GROUP EXERCISE
10:30-11:30AM, IRISH HUNGER MEMORIAL PLAZA
Strengthen the whole body from warm-up to cool-down with various fun exercises. The instructor will lead you in rhythmic movement and aerobics, balance and coordination exercises, as well as strength training. Come join the group and workout to great music! No program 5/29, 6/19, 7/3, 9/4, 10/9.

MONDAYS
MAY 02-OCT 24
ADULT ZUMBA
10:30-11:30AM, IRISH HUNGER MEMORIAL PLAZA
Exercise in disguise! Join in on the fun featuring easy-to-follow Latin dance choreography while working on your balance, coordination, and range of motion. Bring your friends and come prepared for enthusiastic instruction, a little strength training, and a lot of fun. No program 5/26, 6/16, 7/4, 9/11, 10/6.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND SENIORS
TUESDAYS
MAY 02-OCT 31
SENIOR DROP-IN & MAH JONGG FOR ADULTS
2-4PM, 200 RECTOR PLACE
Drop by the Community Room and join seniors from the greater BPC area for conversation, local news, and informal card and board games. Mah Jongg players wanted! Boards and cards provided, or bring your own! For more information email: 200rector@bpca.ny.gov
No program 7/4.

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WEDNESDAYS
MAY 03–OCT 25
FIGURE AL FRESCO
10AM–12PM, RECTOR PARK EAST
This BPC park offers a unique setting to observe and sketch the human figure. Each week a model will strike short and long poses for participants to draw. An artist/educator will offer constructive suggestions and critique. Drawing materials provided, and artists are encouraged to bring their own favorite media.

WEDNESDAYS
MAY 03–OCT 25
ELEMENTS OF NATURE DRAWING
2–4PM, RECTOR PARK EAST
Join our community of artists of all skill levels as we are inspired by our surroundings to create with drawing materials, pastels and watercolors. Embolden your artwork amidst the flower-filled and seasonally evolving palette of BPC’s verdant gardens. An artist/educator will provide ideas and instruction. Materials provided, and artists are encouraged to bring their own favorite media.

SELECT THURSDAYS
MAY 04–OCT 26
PICKUP PICKLEBALL
9AM–5PM, ESPLANADE PLAZA
An exciting fusion of badminton and tennis, pickleball has been proven to strengthen muscles, boost cardiovascular health, and enhance brain function. Each Thursday the net at Esplanade Plaza will be lowered to allow for pickleball games, on a first come first serve basis. Permits are also available at bpca.ny.gov. No program 6/15.

FRIDAYS
MAY 05–OCT 27
TAI CHI
8:30–9:30AM, ESPLANADE PLAZA
Improve balance, strength, and focus through gentle exercises. The sights and sounds of the river provide a serene background for the ancient flowing postures. An ideal choice for participants of all ages. No program 5/26, 9/1, 10/6.

SATURDAYS
MAY 06–OCT 28
DRAWING IN THE PARK
10AM–12PM, SOUTH COVE
Paint in watercolor or use pastels and other drawing materials to capture the magical vistas of the Hudson River and the unique landscape of South Cove. An artist/educator will help participants of all levels with instruction and critique. Materials provided, and artists are encouraged to bring their own favorite media.
No program 5/27, 6/17, 7/1, 9/2, 10/7.
MONDAYS
MAY 01–AUG 28
CHILDREN’S WIFFLE BALL
AGES 3-5: 3:30–4:30PM
AGES 6-10: 3:45–4:30PM
ROCKEFELLER PARK

Develop your coordination and balance, practice your hitting and catching, and play ball! Practice the basics of baseball with fun and challenging games with drills for all levels. Closed-toe shoes required. No program 5/29, 6/19, 7/3.

TUESDAYS
MAY 02–AUG 29
CHILDREN’S GARDENING CLUB
AGES 6-10:
3:15–4:45PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK
FREE PROGRAM: REGISTRATION REQUIRED, SPACE IS LIMITED.

Discover the fun and rewards of tending a garden. Plant annuals and native perennials, and take part in watering, weeding, composting, and other green gardening practices. Learn how our resilient garden provides food for pollinating insects and birds. Fun nature studies and art projects will augment the program. For children who love nature and like to get dirty! Closed-toe shoes required.

MONDAYS
MAY 01–JUN 12
JUNIOR ANGLERS CLUB
FOR AGES 2ND–5TH GRADE
AGES 3:30–5PM, 200 RECTOR PLACE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED, SPACE IS LIMITED.

Explore the wondrous ecosystem of the Hudson River as young stewards of this valuable natural resource. Practice the skills required to operate a rod and reel, and experience the thrill of catch-and-release fishing. Identify our native fish for data submission to research groups to help monitor the health of our local waters. Water testing and other fun projects will augment the study. No program 5/29.

Registration required, please email: registration@bpca.ny.gov

MONDAYS
JUL 10–AUG 14
FAMILY NATURE WALKS
3PM, HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY @ 3RD PLACE
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 4 & UP
RSVP ENCOURAGED, DROP-INS WELCOME

Families with young nature lovers are invited to explore and connect with plants and animals found in the parks. Using magnifying glasses and binoculars we will help us gain a new perspective, while short activities such as leaf rubbings, clay fossil-making, and journaling help us create long-lasting bonds to nature. To rsvp, please email: registration@bpca.ny.gov

TUESDAYS
MAY 02–OCT 24
DROP-IN CHESS
3:30–5PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK

Play the popular strategy game while getting pointers and advice from an expert. Chess improves concentration, problem solving, and strategic planning – plus it’s fun! For ages 5 and up (adults welcome). No program 7/4.
PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

WEDNESDAYS
MAY 03 – OCT 25
WEDNESDAY ART IN TEARDROP
3:30–5PM, TEARDROP PARK
Explore the unique environment of Teardrop Park while creating dynamic art. Art teachers lead individual and group projects using clay, collage, paint, and more. Referencing our Zero Waste Initiative, projects with a focus on recycled, upcycled, and reused materials will inspire artists to care for our world in creative ways! Art supplies provided. Dress for a mess! For ages 5 and up.

THURSDAYS
MAY 04 – OCT 26
THURSDAY ART IN ROCKEFELLER
3:30–5PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK HOUSE
Let your inner artist shine! Join other school-age children for art by the Park House. Art teachers lead individual and group projects using clay, collage, paint, and more. Referencing our Zero Waste Initiative, projects with a focus on recycled, upcycled, and reused materials will inspire artists to care for our world in creative ways! Art supplies provided. Dress for a mess! For ages 5 and up.

MONDAYS
MAY 01 – OCT 30
PLAY AND STORY TIME AT THE PARK HOUSE
10:30–11:45AM, ROCKEFELLER PARK HOUSE
Calling all toddlers! Play is the cornerstone of early childhood development, and playing together is a great way to build a community of young children and caregivers. Plus, stick around for story time! Adults participate throughout the program.
No program 5/29, 6/19, 7/3, 9/4, 10/9.

PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

TUESDAYS
MAY 02 – OCT 24
YOUNG SPROUTS GARDENING
10:30–11:15AM, ROCKEFELLER PARK
A wonderful opportunity for little gardeners and their accompanying adults to get a bug’s-eye view of the world! Join us as we read stories about the life within our garden beds and then head into the Children’s Garden to water, dig, and admire the plants and flowers all around us! Together, we will observe the changing seasons and learn about the pollinators and other insects who help our plants thrive. Gardening is a great introduction to teaching us how to care for the environment.
For ages 3 to 5. No program 7/4.
PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

WEDNESDAYS
MAY 10 - JUN 14

KINDIE ROCK
10:30 - 11:15AM, ROCKEFELLER PARK HOUSE

Our fantastic roster of Stories & Songs performers lead rocking storytimes and sing-a-longs!

THURSDAYS
MAY 04 - OCT 26

PRESCHOOL ART
10:30AM - 12PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK HOUSE

Very young artists are introduced to paper, clay, paint, and everyday recyclable materials, transforming them into masterpieces of creativity and delight. Age appropriate projects presented by an art teacher. Materials provided. Dress for a mess!

6 RIVER TERRACE

6 River Terrace is our flexible community space, available to rent for parties, meetings, community events, family and holiday gatherings, business meetings, and more! The 2,000 sq. ft., wheelchair accessible space has street level access and over 350 square feet of windows that provide natural light and views of the park and Hudson River.

Rates start at $600 for a two-hour event, with an hour before and after for set-up and clean-up.

Rental contract required. Applications must be received at least one month in advance of the requested rental date.

For venue tours, reservations, and for more information please call: 212-267-9700 ext. 9563 or email: 6riverterrace@bpca.ny.gov
BPC BALL FIELDS
MAY 01 - AUG 31
MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8AM-9PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 9AM-9PM
Located at West Street between Murray and Warren Streets. Open year-round for group sports.
To apply for a Ball Fields permit, please visit: www.bpca.ny.gov/apply/permits

COMMUNITY CENTER AT STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 01 - JUN 30
MONDAY – FRIDAY, 7–10PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 1–9PM
JUL 01 - AUG 31
MONDAY – FRIDAY, 3–9PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 10AM–6PM
The Community Center is an affordable and convenient resource for recreation, sports, swimming, and fitness.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS
ADULTS (18+): $199
BATTERY PARK CITY RESIDENTS: $179
YOUTH, SENIORS, MILITARY: $79
BATTERY PARK CITY RESIDENT YOUTH, SENIORS, & MILITARY: $59

DAY PASS
ADULTS: $15
YOUTH, SENIORS, MILITARY AND BATTERY PARK CITY RESIDENTS: $10

For more information, visit the Community Center at 345 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10282
www.bpca.ny.gov or email: communitycenter@bpca.ny.gov

200 RECTOR PLACE
COMMUNITY ROOM
The Community Room at 200 Rector Place is a 600 sq. ft. flexible space available to rent for business and community meetings, and small social, family, and holiday gatherings.
Rates start at $50 per hour. Rental contract required. Applications must be received at least one month in advance of the requested rental date.
For venue tours, reservations, and for more information please call: 212-267-9700 ext. 9363 or email: 200Rector@bpca.ny.gov

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