



# Battery Park City Authority

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## **BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY RELEASES SUMMER PROGRAM & EVENT GUIDE**

*Details free events for all across Battery Park City from May through August*

The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) today released its [Summer 2023 Program & Event Guide](#), detailing a broad range of free programming – including outdoor concerts, music, art, nature, walking tours, fitness, and more – across Battery Park City from May through August. 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 community spaces at 200 Rector Place, 6 River Terrace, the BPC Ball Fields, and discounted membership rates 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 12 most common non-English languages. Interested individuals can subscribe to the mailing list online at [bpca.ny.gov/events](http://bpca.ny.gov/events), by phone at (212) 267-9700, or at any BPCA program or event.

"There's no time like summertime in Battery Park City, and I can't wait for these great programs to begin!" said **BPCA President & Chief Executive Officer B.J. Jones**. "We hope everyone enjoys this new season of free programming that celebrates creativity, diversity, and environmental responsibility throughout our vibrant public parks."

"Summer is nearly here and on top of some great weather, New Yorkers also have an incredible slate of free events across Battery Park City to look forward to, said **Congressman Dan Goldman**. "I'm excited to see my neighbors out and about and enjoying all that Battery Park City has to offer."

"Summer here we come! The Lower Manhattan Community looks forward to this fun slate of free events across Battery Park City," said **Manhattan Community Board 1 Chair Tammy Meltzer**. "We are delighted that the BPCA is able to continue their expansive programming in Belvedere Plaza and Rockefeller Park this summer. The connection to the natural environment and the Hudson River of the parks in Battery Park City draw workers, tourists, students and New Yorkers from all over to this unique downtown location to experience art, fishing, blooming gardens and great festivals in some downtown's finest public spaces."

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

## MAY

*Tuesday, May 2-Saturday, May 6, 7:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza*

- [Illumination Spring Showcase](#). 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 May 6 with a silent disco with QuietEvents. Headphones are free; ID is required. [RSVP here](#).

"Illumination NYC Is thrilled to showcase stunning light installations crafted by visionary local artists in Battery Park City this May that will inspire the community's imagination and delight visitors of all ages!" said **Ron Fisher, Executive Director & Founder, Illumination NYC**.

*Saturday, May 20, 10AM-1PM @ Belvedere Plaza*

- [Go Fish! Battery Park City's Celebration of Life in the Hudson Estuary](#). 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](#).
  - 10AM-1PM: Catch-and-release fishing
  - 10:30AM: Art project
  - 11AM: Family show
  - 12:15PM: Nature walk

*Thursday, May 25, 6:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza*

- [Strings-on-Hudson: ARKAI](#). In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, BPCA presents [ARKAI](#), an award-winning electroacoustic duo that has inspired audiences around the world through their genre-defying string music.

## JUNE

*Saturday, June 3, 11AM @ Rockefeller Park House*

- [Saturday Family Workshop: Drag Story Hour](#). In celebration of Pride month, BPCA presents [Drag Story Hour NYC](#), 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.

“Drag Story Hour NYC provides age-appropriate programming to all communities we serve, and we are grateful for the outpouring of support that we have received in the wake of heightened national backlash and media attention,” said the **Drag Story Hour NYC community**. “This support – from parents, teachers, libraries, city officials, and local community organizations – has enabled us to not only continue our programming as usual, but to expand our outreach, bringing our mission of celebrating creativity, empathy, and joyful self-expression to the communities that need it most.”

*Saturday, June 10, 6:30PM @ Esplanade Plaza*

- **[Community Dance: Mambo](#)**. In celebration of Caribbean-American Heritage Month, all are invited to experience the dynamic and creative energy of the [Franck Muhel](#) & His Mambo Dancers, accompanied by the Mitch Frohman Latin Jazz Quartet. Learn the traditional steps of the mambo with an instructor-led movement workshop, and then hit the dance floor during a live performance.

*Thursday, June 15, 7-10PM @ Esplanade Plaza*

- **[Silent Disco Pride Party](#)**. 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.

*Friday, June 23, 5-8PM @ Rockefeller Park*

- **[Swedish Midsummer Festival](#)**. Enjoy this nostalgic celebration of the summer solstice. Join in a lively dance around the Midsummer pole and 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.

## JULY

*Thursdays in July – 6PM @ Rockefeller Park*

- **[River & Blues Concert Series](#)**. Experience world-class, blues inspired music at its new location in Rockefeller Park!
  - July 6: The Dip
  - July 13: Lee Fields
  - July 20: Tamikrest
  - July 27: Allison Russell

*Wednesday, July 12, 12M-6PM @ 6 River Terrace*

- **[Summer Blood Drive](#)**. 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](#).

*Saturday, July 15, 11AM @ Rector Gate*

- [Saturday Family Workshop: City of Water Day](#). 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 an art project.

## **AUGUST**

*Saturday, August 5, 7PM @ Esplanade Plaza*

- [Dance Party NYC](#). 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, 6:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza*

- [Interludes: Brass Queens](#). [Brass Queens](#) is an 8-piece brass band whose music is deeply inspired by the New Orleans tradition, which influences their genre-spanning sound. Hailing from Brooklyn, the Brass Queens features an all-female horn section that strives to expand the space for women in a male-dominated industry.

*Saturday, August 12-Friday, August 18, 7PM @ Rockefeller Park*

- [42<sup>nd</sup> Battery Dance Festival](#). The Battery Dance Festival is New York City's longest-running free public dance festival. Now in its 42<sup>nd</sup> year, the Festival will once again 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. For more information visit: [batterydance.org](http://batterydance.org).

## **COMMUNITY CENTER AT STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL**

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

*May 1-June 30*

**Monday-Friday, 7-10PM**

**Saturday & Sunday, 1-9PM**

*July 1-August 31*

**Monday-Friday, 3-9PM**

**Saturday & Sunday, 10AM-6PM**

For more information please contact (646) 210-4292, (212) 267-9700, or email: [communitycenter@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:communitycenter@bpca.ny.gov).

These highlighted events are in addition to BPCA's year-round, [weekly recurring programs](#) for all ages.

**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](http://bpca.ny.gov).

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