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

Details free events for all from September through December

The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) today released its <u>Fall 2023 Program & Event</u> <u>Guide</u>, detailing a broad range of free programming – including music, movies, art talks, nature tours, Climate Week activities, and more – across Battery Park City through December. The Guide features illustrated program offerings organized by monthly event highlights and by those of interest to all age groups, as well as information about community spaces at 6 River Terrace, 200 Rector Place, the BPC Ball Fields, and discounted membership rates at BPC'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 also will be made available in New York State's 12 most common non-English languages. Interested individuals can subscribe to the mailing list online at <u>bpca.ny.gov/events</u>, by phone at (212) 267-9700, or at any BPCA program or event.

"With summer coming to a close and school soon back in session, Battery Park City will be bustling as always with local families and visitors this fall," said **BPCA Acting Chair Martha Gallo**. "This lineup of events will bring everyone together to enjoy our public spaces as one community. I look forward to seeing my neighbors in the park!"

"With Fall fast approaching, New Yorkers 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."

Highlights of BPCA's Fall 2023 Program & Event Guide include-

## SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 9, 10:30AM @South Cove

- Migration Celebration. Enjoy the fourth installation of this community favorite that celebrates the creatures that migrate through and pass by Battery Park City. The morning will feature a host of activities presented by several guest environmental organizations working to make our city more sustainable to migrators: <u>Duro UAS</u>, <u>Island Bee Project</u>, <u>American Littoral Society</u>, <u>SCAPE</u> <u>Landscape Architects</u> & <u>BPCA Zero Waste</u>. Plus: A discovery zone, art making, birdwatching, nature walk, and so much more!
  - 10:30AM: Art Making & Activities
  - 11:45PM: Birdwatching / Nature Walk

"We are thrilled to be part of Battery Park City's Migration Celebration event, where we will showcase our Duro Sonde Field units for live water quality monitoring," said **Brian Wilson, CEO, Duro UAS**. "As we celebrate the journey of migrating species, our technology plays a role in understanding and preserving their habitats. This event is a unique opportunity for us to engage with the community, sharing the significance of water quality data in safeguarding the environment for both local wildlife and residents."

## Thursday, September 14, 5:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza

 Interludes: Los Cintron. Known for playing a mix of World, Latin & Flamenco music Los Cintron's guitars, vocals, and melodies evoke the traditional sounds of Andalusia, and of their beloved Spain. Singing with the souls of gypsies and enchanting rhythms, this intimate experience will transport the audiences through a journey that moves them to dance, sing, and delight.

## Monday, September 18-Saturday, September 23 – throughout Battery Park City

In keeping with Battery Park City's legacy of environmental leadership, Battery Park City Authority celebrates **Climate Week NYC** with a diverse set of programs open to the public:

### Monday, September 18, 1:30PM @ Rockefeller Park

• <u>Meet the Beekeeper</u>: Join a presentation led by <u>Alvéole</u> 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 BPC and throughout the city.

### Tuesday, September 19, 1PM @ 6 River Terrace

• <u>Tuesday Talk: Tree Canopy & Biodiversity in BPC</u>. Learn about BPCA's efforts to undertake a <u>full tree and biodiversity inventory</u>. This work entails measuring and assessing the tree canopy – including both street trees and those in our parks/open spaces – as well as inventorying plants in the planting beds throughout the neighborhood.

### Wednesday, September 20, 2PM @ Rockefeller Park

• <u>Climate Week Nature Walk</u>. Join us at the Park House to explore Rockefeller Park through a naturalist's lens. Learn about the animals and plants that call the park home, and how climate change impacts all of us, and how we can build a sustainable future together!

### Thursday, September 21, 5:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza

• Interludes: Cumbia River Band. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and Climate Week, join us for a special performance by Cumbia River Band. Drawing from a festive repertoire of Colombian Cumbia and Riverside melodies, their sound features instruments such as the tuba, accordion, clarinet, percussion, and vocals, resembling the golden era of Cumbia with an American twist. Led by multi-instrumentalist, producer, and educator Martin Vejarano, the band's original compositions and cleverly arranged classics will transport you to the captivating musical world of Cumbia River. Get ready for a musical adventure to remember!

## Friday, September 22, 6PM @ 6 River Terrace

• <u>Movie Night: The Lorax</u>. Families are invited to a screening of the animated film based on a children's book written by Dr. Seuss. Twelve-year-old Ted lives in a place virtually devoid of nature; no flowers or trees grow in the town of Thneedville. Ted delves into the story of the Lorax, once the gruff guardian of the forest, and the Once-ler, who let greed overtake his respect for nature.

Saturday, September 23, 10:30AM @ Rockefeller Park House

• <u>Saturday Family Workshop: Eshter Crow</u>. In celebration of Climate Week, join us for a fun zero waste activity, nature walk, and live performance by the <u>Esther</u> <u>Crow Family Band</u>.

## Saturday, September 23, 3PM @ Esplanade Plaza

• For All People from All Roads – Art as Communal Space. Join Jordan Isaac for a look at the power of public art. Explore works by Siah Armajani, Scott Burton, and James Yaya Hough. Commissioned to create site-specific public art in Battery Park City's plazas and pedestrian crossroads, their art welcomes people to pause, gather, reflect, and converse.

# OCTOBER

Thursday, October 5, 5:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza

• <u>Strings-On-Hudson: The Lovestruck Balladeers</u>. The <u>Lovestruck Balladeers</u> enchant audiences with their masterful performances and inspired repertoire of ragtime, jazz, and beautiful songs from around the world. The versatile quintet features twin fiddles, clarinet, guitars, a mandolin trio, upright bass, banjo, piano and vocal harmonies. Their repertoire is a rare repository of American and international music seldom heard beyond the walls of low-lit dance halls at the edge of the world.

Wednesday, October 11 & Thursday, October 12, 7:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

• <u>Here I Am</u>. In celebration of National Coming Out Day, *Here I Am* is a new musical set in a cabaret bar in Manhattan's West Village. In the throes of a final dress rehearsal for a fundraiser, this group of characters is faced with unwanted visits from the past, unrequited love and their own inner demons. With music and lyrics by Suzanne McCoy, book and direction by Michael Joseph Ormond, this story told through humor and love is sure to touch your heart. *Some content may not be appropriate for young children. Recommended for teens and adults.* Click here to RSVP.

"We are excited to bring *Here I Am* to Battery Park City!" said **Suzanne McCoy and Michael Ormond**. "The opportunity to share these stories with an audience, to breathe life into these characters, giving them a name, a face, and most importantly...a heart – will hopefully help communicate to all the importance of living one's truth in spite of fear."

### Saturday, October 14, 10:30AM @ Belvedere Plaza

- <u>Go Fish! Battery Park City's Celebration of Life in the Hudson Estuary</u>. Join
  us for one of BPCA's most popular annual events, highlighting the importance of
  stewardship and conservation of our local waters. The day features catch-andrelease fishing with experienced anglers, an art project, and a nature walk. Plus a
  live performance by Grammy nominated <u>Divinity Roxx</u>.
  - 10:30AM-1PM: Catch-and-release fishing
  - 10:30AM: Art project
  - 11AM: Family performance
  - 12:15PM: Nature walk

Saturday, October 28, 2PM @ Teardrop Park

• <u>Campfire Stories & Songs</u>. A pre-Halloween Battery Park City tradition! Cozy up to a campfire for stories and singalongs with family and friends featuring award winning children's performer <u>Suzi Shelton</u>. Munch on a yummy snack and take part in a fun art project!

## NOVEMBER

Thursdays, November 2, 9 & 16, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

- <u>Movie Nights: Noirvember</u>. Every November, movie fans go deep on film noir for "Noirvember." Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screenings.
  - November 2: The Set-Up (1949, Robert Wise) Expecting the usual loss, a boxing manager takes bribes from a betting gangster without telling his aging fighter.
  - November 9: The Prowler (1951, Joseph Losey) An unhappy cop is assigned to investigate the case of a prowler who stalks the home of a married woman, and soon becomes obsessed with her.
  - November 16: Murder by Contract (1958, Irving Lerner) In search of a high-paying job, Claude decides to forgo his life as a law-abiding citizen to become a contract killer faced with unexpected challenges.

### Saturday, November 4, 10AM @ Esplanade Plaza

• <u>E-Waste Drive</u>. Co-presented with <u>The Lower East Side Ecology Center</u>, donate your unwanted electronics for e-waste reuse and recycling. Recycling your electronic waste decreases energy and water use, reduces pollution, and keeps hazardous chemicals out of our air and water.

### Tuesday, November 7, 3PM @ Rockefeller Park

• <u>Election Day Art & Play.</u> Children are invited to take part in an art project and activities themed around voting and responsible citizenship.

Tuesday, November 14, 6PM @ 6 River Terrace

• Chef Talk: Institute of Culinary Education. Just in time for the holidays! Learn how to make fall flavored quick breads with Vicki Wells, chef-instructor from the Institute of Culinary Education. Try a sample and get some tips and tricks on making your own at home.

### DECEMBER

Friday December 1 (Part 1) and December 8 (Part 2), 12PM @ 200 Rector Place

• <u>Contemporary Visions of African American Culture in Public Art</u>. Public art in New York reflects cultural growth and changing global dynamics, with advances in social awareness, human rights, travel, and education expanding views and inclusiveness in the art world. Join art historian and lecturer Sylvia Laudien-Meo for illustrated presentations and discussions via Zoom in a group setting.

#### Tuesday, December 7, 6PM @ Rockefeller Park

 Holiday Lights Celebration. The Battery Park City holiday tradition! Kick-off the season and celebrate the first night of Hanukkah at Rockefeller Park. Join us for lighting of the BPC menorah and help count down to illumination of the holiday tree. The festive evening will feature lively carols, beverages and treats, and special guest appearances including <u>Sam Primack</u> from Broadway's Dear Evan Hansen, and a visit from you-know-who!

#### Wednesday, December 13, 12PM @ 6 River Terrace

• <u>BPC Holiday Blood Drive</u>. Give the "Gift of Life" by helping to replenish dwindling supplies in the tri-state area. It takes less than an hour and one donation can save multiple lives! <u>Click here to sign up today</u>.

December 26-January 29, 2024 – throughout Battery Park City

• <u>Recycle Your Tree</u>. Help Battery Park City stay green! Deposit your tree without decorations on the curb for pickup by BPCA's Parks Operations team. Trees are chipped and used for mulch in the parks of Battery Park City.

## COMMUNITY CENTER AT STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL

The <u>Community Center at Stuyvesant High School (CCSHS)</u>, 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.

September 1-December 31 Monday-Friday, 7-10PM Saturday & Sunday, 1-9PM For more information please contact (646) 210-4292, (212) 267-9700, or email: <u>communitycenter@bpca.ny.gov</u>.

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 <u>first-ever strategic plan</u>, 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: <u>bpca.ny.gov</u>.

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