



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 2024 Program & Event Guide](#), detailing a broad range of free programming – including film, music, art and culture, nature, walking tours, fitness, and more – across Battery Park City from January through April. The Guide features illustrated program offerings organized by monthly event highlights, with community partners The Museum of Jewish Heritage – *A Living Memorial to the Holocaust* and Poets Houe, 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, by phone at (212) 267-9700, or at any BPCA program or event.

"I couldn't imagine a better way to start my Battery Park City service than with release of our Winter Program & Event Guide," said **BPCA President & CEO Raju Mann**. "I invite you all to join us for a wide range of free programming across our more than 30 acres of parks and public space in 2024 and beyond. We'll see you in Battery Park City!"

"It's great to see the Battery Park City Authority continue to host such an incredible slate of programming even in the colder months," said **Congressman Dan Goldman**. "I hope residents of Battery Park City and all New Yorkers get the chance to enjoy some of these nice outdoor events over the course of the winter and spring."

"BPCA's winter programming is a New Yorker's dream come true. Between free cultural events and community education initiatives, BPCA has a terrific slate for the first months of the new year," said **Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine**. "There's something for everyone at Battery Park City."

“I encourage Lower Manhattan residents and all New Yorkers and visitors to our city to take advantage of the robust lineup of events in Battery Park City this winter!” said **State Senator Brian Kavanagh, who represents Battery Park City**. “The Winter 2024 Program & Event guide features many exciting activities, including movie screenings, art exhibitions, music festivals, family workshops, and other fun and educational opportunities for people of all ages. I look forward to spending time at several of these events, and I commend the Battery Park City Authority for providing residents and visitors with this wonderful free public programming.”

Highlights of [BPCA’s Winter 2024 Program & Event Guide](#) include—

JANUARY & BEYOND

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **PIONEERS OF PUBLIC ART: NEW YORK IN THE 1980s & 1990s.** An extraordinary evening with artists Mary Miss, Ned Smyth, and R.M. Fischer, who transformed Manhattan’s downtown riverfront and the emerging neighborhood built on landfill, Battery Park City, into an internationally-renowned public art destination. A conversation with the influential artists follows the premier of documentary shorts about their works: Smyth’s *Upper Room*, Miss’ *South Cove*, and Fischer’s *Rector Gate*.

Select Thursdays, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **AUSTRALIAN NEW WAVE.** Our latest film series focuses on the unique narratives that highlight Australian culture, history, and landscape. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screenings.
 - *January 18:* In ***Mad Max*** (1979, George Miller), a vengeful policeman sets out to stop a violent motorcycle gang in a near-future Australia on the edge of collapse.
 - *February 8:* ***The Last Wave*** (1977, Peter Weir) is a murder mystery about a lawyer defending five Aboriginal Persons, who in the process learns disturbing things about himself.
 - *March 14:* In ***The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith*** (1978, Fred Schepisi) a man of half-Aboriginal ancestry is pushed to the breaking point that provokes a violent response when he brutally murders his employer’s family.
 - *April 11:* ***Long Weekend*** (1978, Colin Eggleston) tells the story of a suburban couple who go camping for the weekend at a remote beach, where they discover that nature isn’t in an accommodating mood.

Select Saturdays, 10:30AM @ 6 River Terrace

- **KEEPSAKES.** Join us for Saturday Family Workshops highlighting stories from around the world. Create keepsakes to take home plus live performances by various artists:
 - *January 27:* Co-presented with the [St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church & National Shrine](#) highlighting stories from Greece plus a live performance by [Greek American Folklore Society](#).

- *February 24:* Co-presented with [Bula Arts and Culture](#) highlighting stories from Guatemala plus a live performance by [Ch'umilkaj Nicho](#), [Tito Medina](#) and [Kevin Ortiz Lemus](#).
- *March 9:* Co-presented with the [Irish Arts Center](#) highlighting stories from Ireland plus a live performance by [Liz Hanley](#).

“Bula Arts and Culture is excited to present at Battery Park City,” said **Gabriela Alvarez Castaneda, Executive Director – Bula Arts and Culture**. “A journey through Mayan worldview, this family event that will introduce children and adults to a beautiful approach of a deep and meaningful culture through music, art, storytelling and more.”

Sunday, January 28, 1PM @ Museum of Jewish Heritage (36 Battery Place)

- **COMMUNITY READING OF ELIE WIESEL’S “NIGHT.”** For International Holocaust Remembrance Day, there will be a community reading of the memoir in its entirety.

Sunday, January 28-Wednesday, February 28 @ 6 River Terrace

- **2024 ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION.** All are welcome to come and enjoy the inspired work created by participants at BPCA’s year-round art programs.

Sunday, January 28 @ 1-3PM

- **OPENING RECEPTION.** Meet fellow artists and the artists/educators who lead the programs.

Monday, January 29 – online

- **2024 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, or starting on this release date on the [BPCA YouTube channel](#).

FEBRUARY

Thursdays, February 1-February 22, 2-5PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **2024 ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION VIEWING HOURS.** Enjoy the gallery of artwork created by participants at BPCA’s art programs.

Wednesday, February 28 @ 4:30-5:30PM:

- **2024 ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION: CLOSING RECEPTION.** Come celebrate the final viewing of the wonderful works of this year’s collection. Reconnect with fellow artists and art instructors and meet new ones as we prepare for the outdoor spring season.

Sunday, February 11, 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.

Thursday, February 15, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **CHEF TALK: DENZELL WASHINGTON.** In celebration of Black History Month, [Chef Denzell Washington](#), industry professional and Food Network's *Chopped* finalist will share stories and offer a small taste of his unique culinary journey and point of view.

Sunday, February 18 @ Museum of Jewish Heritage (36 Battery Place)

- **POETRY IN RESPONSE TO ANTISEMITISM.** In partnership with the Nuyorican Poets Café. More details to come.

MARCH

Thursday, March 12, 1PM @ South Cove

- **MEET AN URBAN NATURALIST.** In celebration of Women's History month, join outdoor educator **Marieke Bender** for a nature walk through South Cove. She will present a unique take on environmental education and active conservation, striving to make the natural world more accessible and to encourage all to discover the great outdoors.

Thursday, March 21, 7:30PM @ 6 River Terrace

- **NY LAUGHS.** In celebration of Women's History Month, join us for an all-female evening of stand-up comedy with [NY Laughs](#) featuring [DJ Susan Z. Anthony](#). This unique non-profit seeks to enrich lives, build community, and inspire audiences through humor. Some content may not be appropriate for young children. Recommended for teens and adults.

Sunday, March 24 @ Museum of Jewish Heritage (36 Battery Place)

- **SPRING EQUINOX FESTIVAL.** Celebrate both the Jewish holiday Purim and Nowruz, the Persian New Year. More details to come.

APRIL

April 1-April 30 at locations throughout Battery Park City

- **EARTH MONTH @ BPC.** Battery Park City Authority celebrates Earth Month 2024 with a variety of live events, including composting in Battery Park City, sustainability initiatives, earth-friendly activities, and more.

Wednesday, April 10, 1:30PM @Rockefeller Park

- **EARTH MONTH: MEET THE BEEKEEPER.** Join a presentation and talk led by [Alveole](#) beekeepers at the Battery Park City hive located at the Chambers St. entrance to Rockefeller Park. Learn about the importance of urban beekeeping and its benefit to sustainability efforts in BPC and throughout the city.

Wednesday, April 22, 10:30AM @Rector Park East

- **EARTH DAY: FAMILY BIRDING.** What birds live in your backyard? Join us to learn the basics of bird watching in this fun outing for beginners, hobbyists, and lifelong birders alike. 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, please email: registration@bpca.ny.gov.

Saturday, April 20, 11AM @ Rockefeller Park Basketball Court

- **S.T.E.A.M. DREAM.** In celebration of Earth Month, kids are invited to pick up S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) at this special Earth Day themed open air fair featuring engaging activities and a live performance from [Stem Queen](#).

Wednesday, April 24, 10:30AM @ Rockefeller Park House

- **EARTH MONTH: ESTHER CROW FAMILY BAND.** In celebration of Earth Month, join us for a family-friendly performance by [Esther Crow Family Band](#).

Wednesday, April 25, 1PM @ Rockefeller Park House

- **EARTH MONTH: NATURE WALK.** Join us at the Park House and 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!

COMMUNITY CENTER AT STUYVESTANT 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.

- *January 2-April 30*
Monday-Friday, 7-10PM
Saturday & Sunday, 1-9PM

These highlighted events are in addition to BPCA's year-round, [weekly recurring programs](#) for all ages. For more information please contact (646) 210-4292, (212) 267-9700, or email: communitycenter@bpca.ny.gov.

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 more than 30 acres of public parks, on Manhattan's Lower West Side. Through execution of its 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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