



Battery Park City Authority

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BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY RELEASES SUMMER 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR

More than 600 Programs and Events Open to All

The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) today announced release of its Summer 2017 Parks Programming Calendar, detailing more than 600 public programs and events for the whole family scheduled across Battery Park City from May through August. The full calendar of mostly-free, indoor and outdoor programs – including live concerts and dance festivals, storytelling and art workshops, athletic events, nature and exercise classes, and more – is available via the Battery Park City Parks [website](#), and is being sent to all BPC Parks mailing list subscribers this week.

“There’s no place like Battery Park City and with over 600 programs to satisfy the young and young at heart, summer is the season to enjoy the best we have to offer,” said **BPCA President and Chief Operating Officer Shari C. Hyman**. “Whether you’re jamming with Grammy-winning artists at our River & Blues concerts in Wagner Park, stimulating your classical muse with our new ‘Strings-on-Hudson’ music series on the Esplanade, or stirring your soul at our sunset singing circles, there’s so much to spark the senses along our spectacular waterfront.”

The Summer 2017 Parks Programming Calendar features more than 20 illustrated pages of program offerings happening throughout Battery Park City, organized by those of interest to guests of all ages, to teens and adults, seniors, school-aged children, and preschoolers. Programming will take place across the neighborhood, from the BPC Ball Fields, Rockefeller and Wagner Parks, and 6 River Terrace, to Esplanade Plaza, Belvedere Plaza, South Cove, and the Community Center at Stuyvesant High School. The calendar also includes a map of key Battery Park City locations, restrooms, and art installations as well as information about how the public may reserve space at various BPC event facilities.

Highlights of the Summer Calendar include:

- **Outdoor Movie Night: *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* – Thursday, May 4, 8pm, Rockefeller Park.** Join us for this intergalactic movie night under the stars in a galaxy not too far away. Screening to be preceded by a special demonstration. Don't forget a blanket and treats – and May the 4th Be With You.
- **Teen Nights (Grades 7-12) – Fridays, May 12-June 16, 4-7pm, 6 River Terrace** (No program on 5/26). Drop by for a few hours to meet friends and make new ones. Play table tennis, foosball, and life-size chess, listen to music and relax.
 - Special Teen Night (May 19) // DJ Workshop – Check out the skills of a master DJ and try your own hand at this free performance and workshop. DJ provided by Rock & Soul DJ and record shop.
- **Swedish Midsummer Festival & Dance – Friday, June 23, 5-8pm, Wagner Park.** Enjoy this unique celebration of the summer solstice. Learn folk dances, make midsummer wreaths, enjoy a parade, children's games, and Swedish delicacies. Traditional music by Paul Dahlin and fiddlers from the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis.
- **Battery Park City Community Field Day – Friday, June 30, 10am-1pm, Rockefeller Park.** Learn to Double-Dutch, check out an illusionary street art project, dance to some tunes, and engage in classic field day games like potato sack races, relays, and tug-of-war. Don't miss the imaginative face-painters, giant yard games and bubbles. Spin the BPC big wheel for prizes. Activities are geared toward everyone at this community-wide event.
- **River & Blues Concert Series – Thursdays in July, 7pm, Wagner Park.** Enjoy summer evenings listening to blues music from around the world as the sun sets on the Hudson River:
 - July 6 // Los Lobos – Grammy-winning and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame-nominated artists Los Lobos perform their culturally-rich fusion of rock, blues, soul and Mexican folk music.
 - July 13 // Rebirth Brass Band – From the *Big Easy* to the *Big Apple*, Rebirth Brass Band show why they're considered pillars of their native New Orleans music scene with their Grammy-winning, infectious, and groove-laden "heavy funk."
 - July 20 // Bettye LaVette – Regarded as one of the premier live vocalists performing today, Bettye LaVette brings her emotive soul and blues interpretations to Battery Park City. With her first record released at the age of 16, LaVette is an enduring icon of many musical styles.
 - July 27 // Vieux Farka Toure – Vieux Farka Toure delivers emotionally-charged songs and spectacular guitar work from his native Mali. With his unique and intricate fingerstyle playing, Farka Toure transports the beauty and culture of his homeland to New York City.
- **Strings-on-Hudson – Thursdays in August, 5:30pm, Belvedere Plaza.** Battery Park City's All-New AI Fresco Classical Music Series on the Hudson Waterfront:

- August 3 // Tango! – Downtown’s own Knickerbocker Chamber Orchestra performs dramatic Tango music with exhibition dance.
 - August 10 // Foxtrot! – The Knickerbocker Chamber Orchestra swings into action playing dance classics from the Great American Songbook.
 - August 17 // Waltz! – Twirl in 3/4 time with a selection of all-time waltz favorites and the Hudson River as your backdrop.
 - August 24 // Tangos & Minuets – The West Village Quartet plays pieces by renowned tango composer Astor Piazzolla, along with classics by Haydn, Mozart, and more.
- **Battery Dance Festival – August 13-18, 7-9pm, Wagner Park.** Celebrate the 36th year of New York City’s longest-running public dance festival presented by Battery Dance. Enjoy six days of exciting international and local dance companies against one of the most beautiful backgrounds in the City.
 - **Classes & Sessions at CCSHS** – including swim lessons for all ages, Total Body Boxing Workout, Hatha Yoga, Tai Chi, Badminton, and more. All classes free for CCSHS members, with steeply-reduced [annual memberships](#) available.

“Local programming is part of what makes our communities great,” said State **Senator Daniel Squadron**. “I thank the Battery Park City Authority for another season of programming, along with my colleagues, CB1, and community members.”

“The BPCA has done a great job in coordinating a wide selection of offerings for their 2017 summer programming,” said **State Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou**. “I’m very excited for all of the events and encourage everyone to participate in any they’d be interested in.”

“With a beautiful waterfront location, stunning views and green open spaces, Battery Park City is one of the best places in our City to enjoy the outdoors during the summer season,” said **Council Member Margaret S. Chin**. “I thank President Hyman and BPCA staff for organizing this eclectic mix of indoor and outdoor programs for residents and guests of all ages.”

Interested individuals can subscribe to the BPC Parks mailing list by visiting bpcparks.org, by phone at (212) 267-9700, or at any BPC Parks program or special event.

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 community on the Lower West Side of Manhattan. Battery Park City’s 92-acre site has achieved worldwide acclaim as a model for community renewal in planning, creating, and maintaining a balance of commercial, residential, retail and park space. By pioneering development through ground leases and bonding authority with public/private partnerships between the BPCA and private developers, this planned community has become a blueprint for successful urban development.

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