



Battery Park City Authority

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BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY RELEASES 2016 SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

More than 500 Programs and Events Open to All

Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) President and Chief Operating Officer Shari C. Hyman today announced release of the 2016 Summer Parks Programming Calendar, detailing more than 500 art, play, and recreational programs and events launching between May and August. The full calendar of events – including live concerts, dance, storytelling, and more – the large majority of which are free to attend, can be accessed via the Battery Park City Parks [website](#).

“Summer in New York City is a special time, but nothing quite compares to summer in Battery Park City,” said **BPCA President Hyman**. “We’re pleased to present this year’s Summer Calendar full of activities for people of all ages. Whether it be tending a garden as a tot, enjoying theater in the park, relaxing at our always popular River & Blues Festival, stretching and ‘om-ing’ at our free outdoor yoga class, or spending an afternoon sketching the scenes with our free adult art classes, there’s literally something for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to meeting you in Battery Park City soon.”

The 2016 Summer Parks Programming Calendar includes approximately 20 pages of illustrated program offerings, organized by those of interest to guests of all ages, teens and adults, school-age children, and pre-schoolers. It also includes a map of Battery Park City event venues as well as details about the BPCA-administered Community Center at Stuyvesant High School, for which steeply-reduced annual memberships were recently announced.

Highlights of the Summer Calendar include, in May:

- Stories For All Ages, May 7, 11am in Teardrop Park. Laura Simms performs *Into the Ocean of Story*, sailing adventures that conjure images from the sea.
- Walking Tour, May 7, 2pm at 6 River Terrace: History of the America’s Cup in New York. Historian John Rousmaniere shares the story of the America’s Cup, which in 2016 returns to New York City for the first time in 96 years.

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- Go Fish!, May 14, 10am-2pm in Wagner Park. Join experienced anglers for catch-and-release fishing and learn about life in the Hudson River. Festival includes art projects, birdwatching and a live family performance by Shine & the Moonbeams at noon.
- Flamenco Family Dance, May 21, 6:30pm on Esplanade Plaza. A live dance performance by Sonia Olla and Ismael Fernandez followed by a workshop where participants can learn the fast footwork of the traditional Spanish dance form.

And throughout the summer, events include:

- Swedish Midsummer Festival, June 24 at 5pm in Wagner Park. Enjoy a unique celebration of the summer solstice with traditional Swedish folk music and dancing, wreath making, and a parade. Co-sponsored by the Consulate General of Sweden.
- New York Classical Theatre: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, June 29-July 2, Rockefeller Park at 7pm. Celebrate Shakespeare's 400th anniversary against the Hudson River backdrop with this interactive troupe's stirring rendition of the Bard's classic comedy.
- River & Blues Concert Series, Thursday evenings in July, 7pm in Wagner Park. Enjoy sunset over the Hudson River while listening to folk, blues, and American roots music in a spectacular setting.
 - July 7 – Amy Helm & The Handsome Strangers
 - July 14 – Henry Butler & John Hammond
 - July 21 – Robert Randolph & the Family Band
 - July 28 – Daddy Long Legs

“Fun and safe community events are an invaluable resource for local families during the summer months,” said **Congressman Jerry Nadler**. “It is critical that New Yorkers of all ages have access to public activities throughout the year, and I am so pleased that the Battery Park City Authority is making these great experiences available in Lower Manhattan.”

“Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy this great City,” said **Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick**. “Programming at BPC offers a wide range of free activities for people of all ages and it's a delightful way to be outside while participating in fun and unique events.”

“Battery Park City is one of Manhattan's jewels, and the BPCA Summer Event Series provides even more incentive to visit,” said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. “I encourage all Manhattanites to plan a trip and enjoy their amazing programming.”

“One of the best things about Battery Park City is its unique and beautiful waterfront location, which I encourage people of all ages to enjoy to the fullest this summer, said **City Council Member Margaret Chin**. “I thank BPCA President Hyman and BPCA staff for offering these recreational programs and events that will enhance what is already a treasured part of our City.”

“The outdoor, free events that the BPCA organizes in its beautiful parks is a great way for everyone in lower Manhattan to get to meet your neighbors,” said **Catherine McVay Hughes, Chairperson, Manhattan Community Board 1**.

The 2016 Summer Parks Programming Calendar has also been mailed to all BPC Parks mailing list subscribers; to subscribe visit bpcparks.org or call (212) 267-9700. Interested individuals can also subscribe at the Rockefeller Parks House, open daily from May-October, or at any BPC Parks program or special event.

About BPCA: The Hugh L. Carey Battery Park City Authority is a New York State public benefit corporation with a mission to plan, create, coordinate, and maintain a balanced community of commercial, residential, retail, and park space within its designated 92-acre site on the lower west side of Manhattan.

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