



Battery Park City Authority

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BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY RELEASES WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

More than 500 Programs and Events Open to All

Free Nutrition Sessions in Asphalt Green Kitchen

Reduced Pricing for Popular Classes

The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) today released its Winter Parks Programming Calendar, detailing more than 500 public programs and events taking place throughout Battery Park City from January to April 2018. The full schedule of mostly-free programs for all ages – including cultural and artistic workshops, talks, fitness programs, music, games, Battery Park City’s Annual Art Exhibition, and much more – has been sent to all mailing list subscribers and is arriving in mailboxes this week. It can also be [accessed online](#).

“A new year in Battery Park City brings with it a new collection of unbeatable programming for our residents, friends, and visitors,” said **Acting BPCA President & Chief Operating Officer B.J. Jones**. “In 2017 our Parks Programming saw record attendance, with nearly 65,000 participants drawn to 1,200 classes, programs, and events. Now, with our most inclusive set of offerings yet, we invite you to come one, come all to experience all that Battery Park City has to offer!”

The Winter Events Calendar includes more than 20 pages of illustrated program offerings, organized by those of interest to guests of all ages, families, the very young, school-aged kids and teens, and adults. For the first time, it also includes details about expanded class offerings at the BPC Community Center at Stuyvesant High School, which at steeply-reduced membership rates features fitness classes, access to a weight room, dance studio, and heated half-Olympic sized pool, as well as two basketball courts and special event and party rental space. Also included is a map of key Battery Park City locations and contact information for reserving the BPC Ball Fields and community event space at 6 River Terrace.

Also featured as part of this winter’s programming is *Meet Me in the Kitchen – Good Nutrition!* a free, six-week series of classes at the Asphalt Green kitchen in Battery Park City and open to all adults. A BPCA community partnership with Asphalt Green and Battery Park City Seniors – a neighborhood group that organizes a range of programs for local residents – these classes will offer guidance on eating for increased energy and nutrients, reducing sugar, salt, and inflammation, and preparing easy, fresh meals. Topics include:

- Week 1 (February 6) – Naturally Sweet
- Week 2 (February 13) – Healthy Heart
- Week 3 (February 20) – Too Much?
- Week 4 (February 27) – Shopping for the Season
- Week 5 (March 6) – Spice of Life
- Week 6 (March 20) – Boost Your Immune System

“Asphalt Green is excited to partner with the BPCA and BPC Seniors to offer a free nutrition series beginning February 2018, said **Maggy Siegel, Executive Director of Asphalt Green**. “This series will be a great addition to the free programs and scholarships that we offer to BPC residents and the community. We’re excited to build upon our relationship with the BPCA and look forward to getting more people in the community involved at Asphalt Green.”

Said **BPC Seniors**: “We are delighted to partner with Asphalt Green and the Battery Park City Authority to offer this program – and look forward to continuing to work with these partners to develop more programs in the future!”

While a large portion of events are free year-round, as part of its Winter Parks Programming BPCA has also reduced the prices for a number of its most-popular pay programs. These include:

Program Name	2017 Rate	2018 Rate
Stories & Songs	14 sessions – \$335	14 sessions – FREE
Indoor Preschool Play & Art	14 sessions – \$350	14 Sessions – \$200
Parent & Baby Yoga	8 sessions – \$182	8 sessions – \$120 (all) / \$20 (per drop-in)
Chess for Children	13 sessions – \$308	13 sessions – \$195
Chess Tournament	\$30	\$20
Early Spring Children's Gardening	6 sessions – \$120	6 sessions – \$90

Additional free highlights of the Winter Events Calendar include:

- **Saturday Afternoon Cultural Workshops for Families: Celebrating the Caribbean! 4-6PM @ 6 River Terrace.**
 - **January 27 // Celebrating Haiti featuring Claudia Eliaza** – Revered Haitian-American singer Claudia Eliaza will take you on a musical journey that celebrates the strength, resiliency and empowerment of her culture. We will also be making paper silhouettes inspired by Haitian artist Georges Liautaud’s recycled-steel flat sculptures.
 - **March 3 // Celebrating Puerto Rico featuring Legacy Women** – Explore the music of Puerto Rico with an interactive drum and dance performance by Legacy Women: an all-women musical group rooted in Afro- Dominican and Afro-Puerto Rican traditions. Come listen, dance, and participate with us and make your very own mask inspired by the Puerto Rican tradition of the Vejigante.
 - **March 24 // Celebrating Mexico featuring Mano a Mano** – In Veracruz, Mexico, a Fandango is a community-based celebration where people gather to dance, play, and sing to the beat of Son Jarocho. *Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders* will join us for the fun and will showcase their moves with zapateado. Also, jewelry making with beads inspired by traditional Mexican folk art!

- **Tuesday Talks: Select Tuesdays, 1PM @ 6 River Terrace.**
 - **January 30 // History of the Hudson River Valley** – Join historian Vernon Benjamin as he illuminates the multifaceted history of New York’s great river with stories both familiar and revealing.
 - **February 13 // Markets as Community** – The former General Manager of Reading Terminal Market in Philadelphia, David K. O’Neil has been creating and reviving public markets for years. Join us as he speaks on the subject that has guided his work, and learn about the history of Tribeca’s own Washington Market.
 - **March 13 // Georgia O’Keeffe’s New Mexico Years** – During the 1930s, Georgia O’Keeffe transitioned from New York to New Mexico, a land she called “the far away.” Artist Marla Lipkin will focus on how O’Keeffe made her life in the Southwest and the paintings that resulted.
 - **March 27 // A Year on Broadway** – Artist Elise Engler will discuss *A Year on Broadway*, her year-long project of drawing on-site every block of Broadway in Manhattan from Broadway Bridge at 221st Street to Bowling Green. The final work is 109 feet by 6 inches and can be accordion-folded, allowing the viewer to follow the drawing as if walking the length of Broadway in accelerated time.

- **2018 Annual BPC Art Exhibition: Sunday, January 28, 1-3PM @ 75 Battery Place** (*Art on view on weekdays from January 29-March 30, 2-4PM*). View pieces made by participants of all ages from BPCA’s various art programs.

- **Kids Classical Concert – The Red Violin: February 7, 5PM @ 6 River Terrace.** In this interactive performance for children, in partnership with Knickerbocker Chamber Orchestra, see violin virtuoso Elizabeth Pitcairn perform Saint-Saëns' *Rondo Capriccioso* and Vaughan Williams' *The Lark Ascending* on the legendary 1720 *Red Mendelssohn Stradivarius*, inspiration for the 1999 Academy Award-winning film *The Red Violin*. Ages 8 and up.
- **Song of the Lodz Ghetto: April 19, 7PM @ Museum of Jewish Heritage.** In partnership with the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust and National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene, this multimedia musical program features Brave Old World's arrangements of rare Jewish music created between 1940-45 in the Nazi ghetto of Lodz, Poland. The life-affirming songs, satirical to celebratory, were collected in Israel among survivors of the Lodz Ghetto.

“The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is delighted to be part of the robust and diverse roster of programs offered by the Battery Park City Authority, and we look forward to welcoming residents and visitors,” said **Museum President & CEO Michael S. Glickman**.

“Every year, Battery Park City Authority fills a winter calendar with diverse programming for individuals of all ages,” said **Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick**. “These events include fitness programs, historic talks, artistic endeavors and events for children that entertain and enrich the lives of members of the Battery Park City community, and surrounding neighborhood, in a remarkable way.”

“Battery Park City's programs are one reason that this neighborhood has become such a thriving community,” said **State Senator Brian Kavanagh**. “I'd like to thank the Battery Park City Authority for putting together this great series. I look forward to joining New Yorkers from across the district at BPCA events.”

“From art to fitness, this year's BPCA winter events calendar includes a diverse array of programs that allow New Yorkers to pursue their passions while experiencing the beauty of Battery Park City for themselves,” said **Council Member Margaret Chin**. “I am so thrilled that this season, residents now have access to classes at neighborhood gems like the Asphalt Green Kitchen and expanded programming at BPC Community Center at Stuyvesant High School. Thank you to Acting BPCA President Jones for your commitment to increase access to high-quality programming to New Yorkers of all communities and generations.”

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