



Battery Park City Authority

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BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY RELEASES FALL PROGRAM & EVENT GUIDE

Nature, Art, Music, Movies, Outdoor Education, and More Highlight Hundreds of Program Offerings

The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) today announced its Fall 2019 Program & Event Guide. Detailing more than 400 public programs and events from September to December, the full calendar of mostly-free programs includes activities for all ages and interests across Battery Park City's 36 acres of parks and public spaces. The calendar is available on BPCA's website, with hard copies to mailing list subscribers arriving in mailboxes this week. Interested individuals can subscribe to the mailing list online at bpca.ny.gov/news/events, by phone at (212) 267-9700, or at any program or event.

"Fall's a ball in Battery Park City!" said **BPCA President and Chief Executive Officer B.J. Jones**. "Our Parks Programming team has outdone itself again with a diverse mix of events for all ages and interests this season. With our new Migration Celebration event and Outdoor Ed-Venture series, movie nights, art tours, cooking and art programs – even meditation classes – to go with established favorites like Go Fish!, Dockappella, and Holiday Lights, our fall lineup is full of highlights. We invite you and yours to come and enjoy these events and all that Battery Park City has to offer."

"As the summer comes to a close and the 2019 fall season approaches, I happily anticipate the new lineup of events that the Battery Park City Authority has to offer residents living in the area," said **Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick**. "With over 400 programs for various ages, fall is sure to be filled with excitement, learning and exploration at one of our beloved communities in Lower Manhattan."

"All lower Manhattan looks forward to the wonderful programming continuing through summer and fall," said **Manhattan CB1 Chairman Anthony Notaro**. "The BPCA provides a robust schedule of fun-filled events and we look forward to every season's offerings!"

The [Fall 2019 Program & Event Guide](#) features nearly 20 pages of illustrated program offerings, organized by monthly event highlights as well as by those of interest to seniors, adults, school-aged children, preschoolers, and more.



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Programming takes place at indoor and outdoor venues throughout Battery Park City, from community spaces at 6 River Terrace and 200 Rector Place, to outdoor treasures like Rector Park, Waterfront Plaza, and the newly-renovated South Cove. The guide also includes a map of key neighborhood locations, restrooms, and art installations, as well as composting drop-off spots.

Highlights of the Fall Program & Event Guide include:

- **Migration Celebration – Saturday, September 7, 11am, South Cove.** The fall season kicks off with a celebration of all the creatures that migrate through and by Battery Park City. Join us for a day of fun activities: art making, birdwatching and nature observing – plus a live performance by Lard Dog and the Band of Shy.
 - 11am: Art Project
 - 11:30am: Bird Watching / Nature Walk
 - 12PM: Family Concert

- **Relational Meditation – Thursdays, September 12-26, October 10, 9:30-10:30am, Rector Park.** Join this inclusive class that weaves together gentle yoga/chi kung and guided relational meditation exercises. Relational meditation uses mindfulness of breathing, eye-contact, and compassion meditation to help people connect, promoting deep listening, presence and open heartedness.
 - September 12
 - **Basic Presence** – Experience what it’s like to connect with others while releasing thought. Discover how, on an embodied level, being with others can impact you.
 - September 19
 - **Self Compassion** – Deepen the sense of kindness, understanding, and spaciousness toward yourself while connecting with others.
 - September 26
 - **Common Humanity** – Recognize the common threads that tie together all people and rest your attention at this basic level of connectedness.
 - October 10
 - **Extending Compassion** – Connect with your innate sense of compassion and then extend it to people you may not always think to include.

- **Wings, Feathers and Fins! – Mondays, September 9-October 21, 4-5:30PM.** Fall in Battery Park City is a fascinating time for naturalists! While the season is most known for the changing colors of leaves, we can also observe the full life-cycle of migratory monarch butterflies, the southward journey of hummingbirds and wood warblers, and our neighboring Hudson River’s fish returning to the Atlantic before winter. Participants will try their hand at bird watching, fishing, and raising butterflies. (For ages 7 to 10; no program on 10/14.)



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- **Outdoor Ed-Ventures Series.** BPCA’s new Outdoor “Ed-Venture” Series is a combination of active outdoor skill building experiences. Participants are introduced to the basics of hiking, camping, rock climbing, knot tying and orienteering in an urban context.
 - Friday, September 13:
 - Teardrop Trails & Games, 6-7PM, Teardrop Park – Learn about hiking essentials, leave no trace practices, and trail signs. Play fun games and collect leaves to make your very own Ochiba Art!
 - Movie Night: Moana, 7PM, Rockefeller Park – Enjoy the ed-venturous tale of a way-finding teenager on a daring mission to save her people. Alongside Maui the Demi-God, Moana sails across the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering adventure and overcoming impossible odds.
 - Sunday, September 29:
 - Orienteering, 2-3PM, Rockefeller Park – Attend a mini lesson and navigate your way around Battery Park City using a compass. Participants will learn to read a map and make a bearing.
 - Saturday, October 5:
 - Rocks & Knots, 10am-1PM, Rockefeller Park – Climb on! Challenge yourself and ascend the colorful Klimez Walls along the Hudson River. Learn how to execute essential knots at our tying tables and try your luck in a knot tying race against Parks Programming team members.
 - Saturday, October 26:
 - Campfire Stories & Songs, 4-6PM, Teardrop Park – Cozy up around a makeshift campfire with friends for a night of singing and storytelling. Create your own personalized journal and save your current and future campfire memories for a lifetime! Hot chocolate and snacks served.
- **Chef Talks: Juliet Masters – Thursday, September 19, 6PM, 6 River Terrace.** Chef Juliet Masters of The Edge Harlem, a trend-setting eatery that pays homage to the Harlem Renaissance, will share her family stories and offer a small taste of her unique culinary point of view that blends the flavors of Jamaica and England with a little New York attitude.
- **Go Fish! Battery Park City’s Celebration of Life in the Hudson Estuary, 10am-1PM, Wagner Park.** Join experienced anglers for catch-and release fishing and learn about life in the Hudson River. Events also feature art projects and nature walks.
 - Saturday, September 21: A live performance by Grammy Award-winning Lucy Kalantari & The Jazz Cats! Plus: Volunteers for Wildlife will present *Raptors!* Get an up-close look at these fascinating birds of prey.
 - 10am-1PM: Catch-and-release fishing
 - 11am: Art project
 - 11am: Raptors! Presentation and nature walk
 - 12PM: Family concert



- Saturday, October 19: Don't miss an unforgettable performance sung in Spanish and English by Sonia De Los Santos and her band! Plus: BPCA's Zero Waste Committee will be on hand to share their exciting initiatives in environmental responsibility.
 - 10am-1PM: Catch-and-release fishing
 - 11am: Art project
 - 11am: Nature walk
 - 12PM: Family concert
- **Dockappella – Sunday, October 6, 1-3:30PM, Wagner Park.** Join us for an autumn celebration of intricately woven harmonies along the Hudson River. Get inspired by the vocal stylings of the finest college a cappella groups in the northeast. Six ensembles will showcase their pitch-perfect vocal renditions from a diverse mix of musical genres. Bring a blanket, a picnic lunch and enjoy the music!
- **Public Art & Garden Tour: BPC Landscape as Art – Sunday, October 6, 2PM, South Cove.** Join Landscape Architect and Horticulturist Nancy Seaton for a thought-provoking tour investigating how landscapes are often the receptacle of art – the context within which sculpture is placed. Explore how the landscapes of Battery Park City *is* the art in places such as South Cove and Teardrop Park.
- **Friday Night Film Noir Series – Select Fridays, 6PM, 6 River Terrace.** Film noir is a style of American crime film originating in the 1940's. Often made on shoestring budgets, these low light, high intrigue detective stories are now regarded as classics from Hollywood's Golden Age. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screenings.
 - October 18 // *The Phantom Lady* (1944, Robert Siodmak) is the story of a mystery woman who must be tracked down to prevent an innocent man from being convicted of his wife's murder. The film showcases the influence of European Expressionism on American film noir.
 - November 15 // *Killer's Kiss* (1955, Stanley Kubrick), Kubrick's second feature film, is the story of an aging boxer who gets mixed up with a nightclub dancer and her violent boss.
 - December 13 // *Side Street* (1950, Anthony Mann) is the story of a struggling mail carrier who steals an envelope of money from a corrupt attorney, which sets off a tumultuous turn of events culminating in a car chase filmed on the streets of (a pre-Battery Park City!) lower Manhattan.
- **Public Art Tour: Pylons & Waterfront Plaza – Sunday, October 27, 2PM, meet at Pylons.** Join contemporary art historian Dorothea Basile in a thoughtful and reflective tour of celebrated artist Martin Puryear's stately *Pylons*, which act as a symbolic portal connecting water and land. Explore the written poetry of Walt Whitman and Frank O'Hara surrounding North Cove with poet/literature professor Jon Curley.



- **DIY Gift Making Workshop – Saturday, November 23, 4-6PM, 6 River Terrace.** Handmade gifts never go out of style. Create your own designs and customize totes, tees, wrapping paper, beaded jewelry, greeting cards and so much more. Materials provided with light refreshments served.

For ages 11 and up; program is free but space is limited, so please register at (212) 267-9700 or registration@bpca.ny.gov.

- **Holiday Lights – Thursday, December 5, 6PM, South Cove.** Kick off the holiday season with a festive and charming evening of caroling, warm beverages and sweet treats with your Battery Park City community! If you wish, donate to those in need by bringing a new, unwrapped gift for [Stockings With Care](#). You may also drop off gift donations in advance at 75 Battery Place.

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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