



## **NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND NYC & COMPANY HIGHLIGHT CULTURE ACROSS THE FIVE BOROUGHES DURING BROADWAY STRIKE**

**–More Information Now Available at [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov), [nycvisit.com](http://nycvisit.com), through 311, and at Visitor’s  
Center and Kiosks Around the City–**

**New York, NY (November 13, 2007)**— Cultural Affairs Commissioner Kate D. Levin and NYC & Company CEO George Fertitta today announced that the City will provide periodic highlights of the vast array of cultural options available to visitors and residents during the Broadway strike. Many musical, dramatic and other theater productions continue to run as scheduled. In addition, the concerts, dance performances, museum exhibitions and other attractions that together make New York City the premiere cultural destination in the world continue to delight audiences in all five boroughs.

The City will provide regular updates on events across the five boroughs online at the City’s official website, [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov), on NYC & Company’s website, [nycvisit.com](http://nycvisit.com), and through 311, which can be accessed outside the five boroughs by calling 212-NEW-YORK. In addition, to help visitors accommodate any changes to their trip plans, the City has extended this week’s hours of operation for its Official Visitor Information Center in Midtown Manhattan.

“New York City’s cultural sector is vibrant and diverse, offering the best theater, music, dance, and art to audiences from around the corner and around the globe – including hundreds of commercial and nonprofit off-Broadway theater companies,” Commissioner Levin said. “From *Pygmalion* at the Roundabout Theater, to *The (S) Files* exhibition at El Museo del Barrio, to great music at Joe’s Pub, there is something for everyone to do in New York City.”

For visitors interested in taking in a Broadway show, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Cymbeline*, *Mary Poppins*, *Mauritius*, *Pygmalion*, *The Ritz*, *Xanadu* and *Young Frankenstein* remain open. In addition, Off-Broadway shows, nonprofit cultural organizations and special events, including the *Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular*, are not affected by the strike.

Diverse entertainment options abound throughout Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. For the latest information on what’s happening, visitors can go to NYC & Company’s website, [nycvisit.com](http://nycvisit.com), which has recently added tools to make navigating cultural options in the five boroughs even easier.

“The interactive tools on [nycvisit.com](http://nycvisit.com) give users the chance to create trip itineraries that are tailored to their individual interests,” Fertitta said. “They can also browse listings in culture, dining, nightlife, shopping and other categories – all of which are updated daily – to find the latest and most relevant information.”

Visitors and residents can also get information from counselors at the City’s Official Visitor Information Center, located at 810 Seventh Avenue between 52nd and 53rd Streets. This week the center has extended its hours, and will be open from 8:30am to 7:30pm daily

through Friday. The City also operates visitor kiosks centers in Harlem (253 West 125th Street), the Financial District (26 Wall Street), City Hall Park (Broadway sidewalk at Park Row) and Chinatown (at the intersection of Canal, Walker and Baxter Streets).

Highlights of current options – in midtown Manhattan and beyond – include:

- Apollo Theater ([www.apollotheater.org](http://www.apollotheater.org))  
*Iconic Harlem landmark featuring live music almost every night of the week.*
- Asia Society ([www.asiasociety.org](http://www.asiasociety.org))  
*Films, concerts, talks and lectures, including culinary star Padma Lakshmi.*
- Bronx Museum of the Arts ([www.bronxmuseum.org](http://www.bronxmuseum.org))  
*Engaging family programs and cutting-edge art.*
- Brooklyn Academy of Music ([www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org))  
*Film, dance, readings and the 25th Annual Next Wave Festival.*
- Brooklyn Museum ([www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org))  
*Featuring world-renowned Egyptian and American art and Judy Chicago's The Dinner Party.*
- Cirque du Soleil ([www.cirquedusoleil.com](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com))  
*Wintuk, a kid-friendly holiday show, at Madison Square Garden.*
- Lincoln Center Theater ([www.lct.org](http://www.lct.org))  
*Featuring Shakespeare's Cymbeline, and a new musical, The Glorious Ones.*
- Miller Theatre ([www.millertheatre.com](http://www.millertheatre.com))  
*Classical and early music in Morningside Heights.*
- El Museo del Barrio ([www.elmuseo.org](http://www.elmuseo.org))  
*New art from Latin America, featuring special exhibition Bienal: The (S) Files 007.*
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art ([www.metmuseum.org](http://www.metmuseum.org))  
*World-class collections spanning the entire history of art, featuring programs for visitors of all ages.*
- The Museum of Modern Art ([www.moma.org](http://www.moma.org))  
*World-class modern art collection, featuring special exhibition Georges Seurat: Drawings.*
- The Museum of the Moving Image ([www.movingimage.us](http://www.movingimage.us))  
*Iconic films, new media and family-friendly exhibits fifteen minutes from midtown Manhattan.*
- NY City Opera ([www.nycopera.com](http://www.nycopera.com))  
*Exciting productions of Massenet's Cendrillon, Bizet's Carmen and Barber's Vanessa now playing.*
- New Victory Theater ([www.newvictory.org](http://www.newvictory.org))  
*Punk rock collides with centuries of Irish dance as Tapeire takes stage by storm.*

