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Bronx Culture Trolley

For more information, go to: www.bronxarts.org

A program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), the First Wednesday Bronx Culture Trolley was initially conceived as the first action toward creating the South Bronx "Cultural Corridor," an arts-related economic development plan positioning the lower Grand Concourse as a "Gateway to the Arts in the Bronx." The trolley provides people with a fun way to get around and attend cultural venues that they might not otherwise have visited.

Each First Wednesday at 5:30pm (except September and January), the trolley leaves from Hostos Community College and makes a cultural loop through the lower Grand Concourse, treating its riders to some of the hottest cultural attractions, dining establishments and entertainment venues in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx. Bronx Culture Trolley Nights are open to the public and admission to the trolley and all participating venue attractions is free. The trolley, and many of its venues, is wheelchair accessible.

Bronx Park Skate Park, Bruckner Skate Park, and Mullaly Skate Park

The Bronx

Offers an opportunity for individuals to perfect their skills on inline skates, skateboards, and bikes. Unless otherwise specified, the Department of Parks & Recreation will provide an attendant during official operating hours. Each participant will be required to sign a waiver (those under 18 will need their guardian's signature) before being allowed to use the facility. Requirements for use: A signed liability waiver; helmet; knee pads; elbow pads.

Get an online liability form at: http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_things_to_do/facilities/af_skate_park.html.

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and Gardens

895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, NY, 718.885.1461, info@bpmm.org

You don't need to be a history buff to be enchanted by the grandeur and beauty of this national landmark, which houses examples of fine 19th century furniture and decorative arts. The restored three-story Carriage House contains a carriage stable, hay loft and tack room that give visitors insight into what life was like on the estate. There's also a serene garden with a formal pool. The Bartow-Pell Mansion also hosts engaging programs, special events, and exhibitions year round for all to enjoy. A great option: take your bicycle on the #6 train, then ride the Bronx Greenway path to Bartow-Pell! It's a lovely ride. Admission: Adults: \$5, Seniors & students: \$3, Children under 6 free. Grounds are open year-round free of charge from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Guided Mansion Tours: Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm (last tour 3:15 pm).

Bronx Museum of the Arts

1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, 718- 681-6000, education@bronxmuseum.org
BxMA's permanent collection is unique in its focus on contemporary art by artists of African, Asian, and Latin American descent. Initiated in 1986, BxMA's collection policy demonstrates an ongoing commitment to exhibit, preserve, and document the work of artists not typically represented within more traditional museum collections. In 2000 it was expanded to include artists who have live(d) and/or work(ed) in the Bronx and for whom the Bronx has been critical to their artistic development. The collection is composed of more than 800 contemporary works of art in all media, conveying a broad range of modern and contemporary art practices. \$5 Adults, \$3 Students and Seniors. Free on Fridays. Free for Members and Children under 12. *Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Hours: Monday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 12 noon - 6:00 pm; Tuesday & Wednesday: Closed; Friday: 12 noon - 8:00 pm.

Derfner Judaica Museum + The Art Collection The Hebrew Home at Riverdale

5901 Palisades Avenue, Bronx, NY, 718.581.1596, Directions: Please call 718.581.1000, Email: eoleary@hebrewhome.org

Monday- Thursday 10:30 am-4:30 pm; Friday until 3:00 pm

As a member of the American Association of Museums, the Derfner Judaica Museum + The Art Collection at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale is committed to displaying its expansive fine art collection throughout the public areas of the campus. The art collection is comprised of modern art, large-scale sculpture, and ceremonial art from Africa and the Americas. It also houses the Elma and Milton A. Gilbert Pavilion Gallery which features rotating exhibitions. The Derfner Judaica Museum exhibits art and artifacts from Jewish life and culture, and its collection includes objects in wood, silver and ivory, varying in style and date from the 18th to the 20th century. The 19-acre campus also features a sculpture garden which overlooks the Hudson River.

Edgar Allan Poe Cottage

Grand Concourse and East Kingsbridge Road. 718-881-8900

America's first great literary master lived in this farmhouse at the end of his life, and today, the small, modest home looks very much as it did when Poe lived here 1846-1849. While living at the cottage, Poe wrote *Annabel Lee*, *Ulalume*, *The Bells* and *Eureka*.

Administered by The Bronx County Historical Society since 1975, the cottage is restored to its original appearance, with authentic period furnishings. A film presentation and guided tour help bring Poe Cottage to life. Visitors can see the bed in which Virginia died and the rocking chair Poe used. In the kitchen, the dishes on the table appear as if the great author had just stepped out for air. The house tour is complemented by an award-winning video that provides insight into the writer and the man. General Admission \$3. Students/Seniors/Children \$2. Tours by appointment only.

Maritime Industry Museum at Historic Fort Schuyler

6 Pennyfield Avenue, Bronx, NY, located on the SUNY Maritime College campus.

718.409.7200, Email: pperez@sunymaritime.edu

If there is a bonafide case of "labor of love" for a worthwhile endeavor, the Maritime Museum at Fort Schuyler must be recognized as a prime example. The museum is funded, staffed, operated and maintained strictly through volunteer support and monetary contributions. Many Maritime College cadets volunteer time to serve as museum tour guides and provide exhibit construction and upkeep, while alumni participate in periodic "work parties" to do their share...Admission and parking are free.

BROOKLYN

The 32nd Annual Seaside Summer Concert Series

Asser Levy/Seaside Park at West 5th Street and Surf Avenue in Coney Island/Brighton Beach, across the street from the New York Aquarium.

Thursday nights, 7:30 pm

July 15 - Neil Sedaka and Brenda Lee.

July 22 - The Beach Boys Happy Together Tour - 25th Anniversary

July 29 - George Thorogood with Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes

August 5 - John Legend

Performers are subject to change without notice. Call the concert hotline for updates at 718-222-0600

The 28th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Concert Series

Wingate Field, entrances on Brooklyn Avenue (Rutland Road and Winthrop Street.)

Monday nights, 7:30 pm

July 12 - George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic with the Ohio Players

The public is encouraged to bring their own chairs because seating is limited.

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