

Battery Park, State Street and Battery Place / 212-252-4531, www.newyorkclassical.org
7:00 pm

"King Lear" by William Shakespeare

New York Classical Theatre will present free roving performances of William Shakespeare's "King Lear" across 25 acres of Battery Park including historic Castle Clinton.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art-www.metmuseum.org

1000 Fifth Avenue (at 82nd Street), (212) 535-7710

1:30–2:30 pm and 3:00–4:00 pm

Pen and Parchment: Drawing in the Middle Ages

These one-hour slide introductions to special exhibitions are designed for young visitors and their adult companions. North Classroom, Uris Center for Education

Children's Museum of Manhattan-www.cmom.org

The Tisch Building, 212 West 83rd Street, (212) 721-1223

1:00-2:30 pm

Hands-on Healthy Tots: Dem Bones (ages 4 & younger)

Make a bones collage and discover how calcium helps grow strong bones.

Staten Island Children's Museum-www.statenislandkids.org

1000 Richmond Terrace, (718) 273-2060

1, 2, & 3:00 pm

Three Cheers for the Red, White & Blue

In honor of Independence Day, kids can create a celebratory mobile to bring home and enjoy!

Monday, July 6

River to River Events, RivertoRiverNYC.com, 877-R2R-R2R9

One Chase Manhattan Plaza, between Pine, Liberty, Nassau and William Streets, 212 219-9401 x118, www.lmcc.net/sitelines

12:30 pm

Sitelines: Untitled Corner by Daniel Arsham, Jonah Bokaer & Judith Sanchez Ruiz

The site-specific collaboration examines memory loss, pattern recognition, and perceptual faculties as they apply to the human body, creating the illusion of an expanded space.

Central Park Conservancy-www.centralparknyc.org

Diana Ross Playground inside Central Park at W 81st, (212) 310-6600, www.centralparknyc.org/sandbox

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sandbox Sing-along

Central Park Conservancy and Moey's Music Party (for ages 3-8 years). Tots become rock stars when Moey passes out pompoms, maracas, and inflatable guitars. Kids and caregivers alike will enjoy classic children's songs and original Moey's Music Party hits. FREE

Dancing Under the Stars

Forest Park: Dry Harbor Playground, Forest Park, Queens

6:00 pm

Bring your dancing shoes and join us for this very popular free summer series! Instructors will provide basic lessons in a variety of ballroom style dances for the first 45 minutes each week. Some dance styles include swing, cha cha, and rhumba.

2009 HBO Bryant Park Summer Film Festival Presented by Time Warner Cable

Bryant Park is situated behind the New York Public Library in midtown Manhattan, between 40th and 42nd Streets & Fifth and Sixth Avenues. 212 768-4242

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The lawn opens at 5:00pm for blankets (no plastic tarps please) and picnicking. The films begin at dusk (typically between 8pm and 9pm).

Dog Day Afternoon

Al Pacino plays Sonny who needs money to pay for his boyfriend Sal's sex-change operation and decides to rob a bank to get it. Things go wrong and he's soon bogged down in a long, drawn-out hostage situation. Sidney Lumet directed this gritty, darkly humorous drama set in Brooklyn on the hottest day of the year. (1975) 125 Min. (Warner Bros.)

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New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Edenwald

1255 East 233rd Street, (718) 798-3355
4:00 pm

Game On @ EW

Wii - Got the gaming moves? Show off your skill with the Wii remote and challenge your friends to a game in the library. Take part in our tournaments! For ages 12 to 18.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, St. George

5 Central Avenue, (718) 442-8560
3:00 pm

Gone Ghosting : haunting tales at the library

Are you looking for a creepy thrill? Want to see if you can make someone's flesh crawl? Join your friends at the library to see who can tell the best ghost story. For ages 12 to 18.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Huguenot Park

830 Huguenot Avenue, (718) 984-4636
1:00 pm

Independence Extravaganza

Celebrate your freedom to be you! Learn a bit about the US, and have a great time at the library.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Parkchester

1985 Westchester Avenue, (718) 829-7830
3:00 pm

Urban Comics Drawing Workshop with Ivan Velez

Kawaii not cutting it for you? Learn how to draw street style with Ivan Velez. Bring your characters to life in your very own gritty comic. All materials will be provided. For ages 12 to 18.

Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Gravesend

303 Avenue X, (718) 382-5792
2:00 pm

Lanyard Workshop

Learn how to make lanyard key chains, bracelets and more!

Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Mill Basin

2385 Ralph Avenue, (718) 241-3973
3:00 pm

Movie

Enjoy a free film screening. Call for title.

Queens Public Library-www.queenslibrary.org, Bayside

214-20 Northern Boulevard, (718) 229-1834
10:15 am

Baby & Me

An interactive program featuring nursery rhymes, finger plays, songs, and playtime. For babies 9-18 months accompanied by a caregiver. Pre-registration required.

Queens Public Library-www.queenslibrary.org, Flushing

41-17 Main Street, (718) 661-1212
11:00 am

Crayon Club

Summer Reading program for preschoolers ages 3-5 with caregiver. Registration required.

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1:30 pm

Picture Book Time

This program features stories, along with music and other activities. For children 3 1/2- 5 years old.

Pre-registration required.

Queens Public Library-www.queenslibrary.org, Ridgewood

20-12 Madison Street, (718) 821-4770
3:00 pm

Summer Reading Club (for Kids)

Build, draw, write, paint, dance, sing, explore, and create! Everyone can be creative this summer at our summer reading program. Programs are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5 pm, June 29th- August 12th. Registration begins June 4th. Stop in and pick up a calendar of summer events.

The African Poetry Theatre 2009

176-03 Jamaica Avenue, (718) 523-3312

Monday – Friday all programs begin at 1:00 pm. TTAT is 45 minutes long.

To Tell A Tale Program (TTAT): Comedy Magic

Presenter: Franee The Clown. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Groups must call to reserve a program date.

Tuesday, July 7

River to River Events, RivertoRiverNYC.com, 877-R2R-R2R9

World Financial Center Winter Garden, 212 945-0505,
www.ArtsWorldFinancialCenter.com
9:00 pm

Scanner and Mountain

Scanner composes multi-layered sonic pieces that traverse the experimental terrain between sound and form. Opening the show, Mountains create hypnotic soundscapes by blending electronic noise, field recordings and acoustic instruments. Free.

National Museum of the American Indian

One Bowling Green, 212 514-3700, www.americanindian.si.edu

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Summer Dance at the NMAI

Louis Mofsie (Hopi/Winnebago) and Michael Taylor (Choctaw) lead special sessions of storytelling and interactive dance. First come/first served. Free.

Hudson River Park - Take Me to the River 2009 Free Summer Events

Pier 45 - West Side Highway and Christopher Street

6:30 pm

Stars of Tomorrow; Classical Brass Trio

From Mannes College The New School for Music

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Naumburg Orchestral Concerts

The Concert Ground in Central Park (Map) south of the 72nd Street cross-drive, 718-340-3018 or visit NaumburgConcerts.org

7:30 pm

The Naumburg Orchestra

Admission is free. There are NO rain dates.

Central Park Conservancy-www.centralparknyc.org

Robert Bendheim Playground inside Central Park at East 100th Street, (212) 310-6600, www.centralparknyc.org/sandbox

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sandbox Sing-along

Central Park Conservancy and Moey's Music Party (for ages 3-8 years). Tots become rock stars when Moey passes out pompoms, maracas, and inflatable guitars. Kids and caregivers alike will enjoy classic children's songs and original Moey's Music Party hits. FREE

Central Park Conservancy-www.centralparknyc.org

Rudin Family Playground inside Central Park at West 96th, (212) 310-6600, www.centralparknyc.org/sandbox

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Sandbox Dance

Central Park Conservancy and the Museum for African Art (for ages 3-8 years). Dance to live African percussion with a professional dance instructor from the Museum for African Art. FREE

City Parks Foundation Presents

St. Mary's Park, 146th Street and St. Ann's Avenue

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Hector Tricoche y Su Orquesta

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

900 Washington Avenue, 718-623-7200, www.bbg.org

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Tuesday Discovery Workshops: Bugging Out

Every Tuesday in July kids can discover an amazing array of insects and not-so-creepy crawlers in the Discovery Garden. In this free drop-in workshop (with paid Garden admission) check out worms, ladybugs, butterflies, and more and learn about the roles they play in keeping gardens healthy.

Midsummer Night Swing

Damrosch Park, West 62nd Street between Columbus and Amsterdam (212) 875-5766
Dance lesson at 6:30 pm for all levels with some of New York's foremost instructors.
Lessons are included in the price of admission. Live music and dancing is at 7:30pm until 10pm.

Kermit Ruffins & the Barbecue Swingers New Orleans Jazz, Small Band Swing

Kermit Ruffins plays New Orleans jazz with all the swing and swagger of the late, great Louis Armstrong. His sweet horn blows jazz, funk, and standards that reflect the big brass tradition of his beloved city. Charismatic and confident, Kermit Ruffins and his band really cook - in every sense of the word - as he serves up hot barbecue as well as cool music at his restaurant & club in The Big Easy.

Lesson: Paolo "P Lindy" Lanna of the Lindy Hop All-Stars

DJ: Ryan Swift - Yehoodi.com

Midsummer Night Swing's evenings of dance are ticketed events. All events take place on an elevated dance floor in Damrosch Park. Multi-evening Swing Passes are priced at \$80 for six nights, and \$145 for the full season. Tickets for individual evening events are \$15, and the Kid's Day! event is \$5, with children under 5 free.

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176-03 Jamaica Avenue, (718) 523-3312

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Children Cultural Workshops Program (CCW): Creative Tie - Dye Making

Presenter: Mama "O". Admission is \$5.00 per person. Groups must call to reserve a program date.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Mulberry Street

10 Jersey Street, (212) 966-3424

3:00 pm

Game on @ ML

Wii, PS3 - Got the gaming moves? Show off your skill with the Wii remote or the Sixaxis controller and challenge your friends to a game in the library. Take part in our tournaments! For ages 12 to 18.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Baychester

2049 Asch Loop North, (718) 379-6700

4:00 pm

Yu-Gi-Oh no you didn't!

Are you the card wizard? Think you've got what it takes to unlock the mystery of the perfect deck? Come in and challenge your friends to a Yu Gi Oh duel to see who is the master of the monsters! For ages 12 to 18.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Clason's Point

1215 Morrison Avenue, (718) 842-1235

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Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Sunset Park

5108 4th Avenue, (718) 567-2806

10:30 am

Babies & Books

Enjoy books, songs and rhymes with babies, birth to 18 months.

Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Williamsburg

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240 Division Avenue, (718) 302-3485

2:00 pm

Twilight Party & Trivia Contest

Come dressed as your favorite character on the day of the full moon!

Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Clarendon

2035 Nostrand Avenue, (718) 421-1159

2:30 pm

Anime & Manga Club

Watch Japanese animation, talk about your favorite graphic novels and draw your favorite characters.

Children's Museum of Manhattan-www.cmom.org

The Tisch Building, 212 West 83rd Street, (212) 721-1223

12:00 noon, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00 pm

New York Designs: Cutting Edge Fashion

Meet young fashion designers from NYC – the center of the fashion world. Create your own cutting edge fashion.

Wednesday, July 8

River to River Events, RiverToRiverNYC.com, 877-R2R-R2R9

Zuccotti Park

12:30 pm

Lunchtime Music at Zuccotti Park

New York's emerging artists perform lunchtime tunes for Downtown crowds. Visit RiverToRiverNYC.com for the schedule of artists. Free.

Central Park Conservancy-www.centralparknyc.org

14 East 60th Street, (212) 310-6600

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sandbox Music

Central Park Conservancy and Central Park Brass (for ages 3-8 years). March-along to live music, learn a new cultural song, and practice playing percussion instruments with professional musicians and educators from Central Park Brass. www.centralparknyc.org/sandbox; Wild West Playground inside Central Park at West 93rd Street. FREE

Bryant Park

Bryant Park: Fountain Terrace, 42nd Street and 6th Avenue, (212) 768-4242

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Bryant Park After Work presents Tom Beckham Trio

City Parks Foundation Presents

Crotona Park, 173rd Street and Crotona Park East

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Soulsonic Force

Stuyvesant Town Summer Concert

Stage is between 16th and 17th Streets, and Avenues A and B. The entrance is off 1st Avenue and 16th Street.

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Music in the Oval: DJ Probus - Forro in the Dark

This unique outdoor summer concert series will bring the sweet sounds of rock, funk, reggae and soul to the Stuyvesant Oval. Sponsored by Verizon, Music on the Oval begins with a pre-show DJ, followed by a live concert.

Hudson River Park: Take Me Out to the River 2009 Free Summer Events

Pier 54; West Side Highway and W. 14th Street, www.hudsonriverpark.org, 212-627-2121
Dusk - around 8:30 pm

River Flicks for Grown-ups: Iron Man

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Central Park Summerstage

Enter the park from Fifth Avenue and 69th Street or from Central Park West and 72nd Street, 212-861-5229, www.summerstage.org

7:00 pm - gates open 60 minutes prior to start time - first come/first served

Juana Molina Curumin El G (ZZK)

Electronic and danceable sounds straight from Argentina and Brazil. Presented in association with Latin Alternative Music Conference. Rain or shine. Free.

River to River Events, RivertoRiverNYC.com, 877-R2R-R2R9

Nelson A. Rockefeller Park (access: Chambers Street), Manhattan, (212)417-2000, www.batteryparkcity.org

7:00 pm

Stepping off "The Corner"

Badal Roy (tablas) and Michael Henderson (bass), players on Miles Davis' controversial 1972 jazz-funk classic "On The Corner", partner with visionary guitarist Kenny Wessell (Ornette Coleman) and this amazing ensemble stepping off where "On The Corner" left off. Joining Roy, Henderson, and Wessell is Mike Clark (drums), Steven Gorn (woodwinds), Graham Haynes (trumpet), Daniel Moreno (percussion), Rudresh Mahanthappa (saxophone), and Michael Wolff (keyboards). Free.

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Trinity Church, 212.602.0800, trinitywallstreet.org

Broadway at Wall Street

12:30 pm and 2:30 pm

Summer Sounds at Trinity: The Booglerizers

A zesty combination of fingerstyle guitar, mandolin, arch-top slide, tube-driven harmonica and vocalists who have harmonized, crooned and growled together for over thirty years. Free.

Children's Museum of Manhattan-www.cmom.org

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5:00 – 8:00 pm

Boogie Woogie Wednesdays

Midsummer Night Swing

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Note: One set at 8:30pm

Dance lesson at 6:30 pm for all levels with some of New York's foremost instructors. Lessons are included in the price of admission. Live music and dancing is at 7:30pm until 10pm.

Chubby Checker Rock 'n' Roll50th Anniversary Show****

Chubby Checker is credited with revolutionizing popular music when he invented “dancing apart to the beat” to his hit “The Twist”. That record is the only single to reach #1 twice, and it was the #1 single for the entire decade of the 1960s. Checker's other dance hits include “Limbo Rock”, “The Pony”, and “Let's Twist Again,” among others. A rock n' roll icon who has sold more than 250 million records over the course of his 50-year career, Checker maintains a full schedule of concert dates and he last released a chart-topping dance track, “Knock Down the Walls,” in 2007.

Lesson: You Should Be Dancing

DJ: Phast Phreddie The Boogaloo Omnibus

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New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Fort Washington

535 West 179th Street, (212) 927-3533

4:00 pm

Crafternoons

Make your own creations. Use clay, markers, paper, and more to create your own unique items. All materials will be provided. For ages 12 to 18.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Huguenot Park Branch

830 Huguenot Avenue, (718) 984-4636

1:00 pm

Declaration Day

History comes alive during this live reading of the Declaration of Independence!

Hear it read and ask questions.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Clason's Point

1215 Morrison Avenue, (718) 842-1235

3:30 pm

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Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Borough Park

1265 43rd Street, (718) 437-4085

1:30 pm

Babies & Books with First RIF

Enjoy books, songs and rhymes with babies, birth to 18 months. Also earn free books by reading! See your librarian for details.

Queens Public Library-www.queenslibrary.org, Long Island City

37-44 21st Street, (718) 752-3700

2:00 pm

Be Creative and Express Yourself @ Computer Kreationz (for Teens)

Ages 10-17 are invited to find new and exciting ways to use computers! Use the library's laptops to create fun projects and learn new skills. First come, first serve. Space is limited. Must have library card.

Queens Public Library-www.queenslibrary.org, Bayside

214-20 Northern Boulevard, (718) 229-1834

10:15 am

Mother Goose Time

This interactive program features nursery rhymes, finger plays, songs, and playtime. For babies 18 months to 2 1/2 years accompanied by a caregiver. Pre-registration required.

Queens Public Library-www.queenslibrary.org, Flushing

41-17 Main Street, (718) 661-1212

11:00 am

Glitter Club (for Kids)

Summer Reading program for entering First Graders. Registration required.

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1:00 pm

Paintbrush Club

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1:30 pm

Toddler Time

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Quill Club

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Children Cultural Workshops Program (CCW): Learn African Drumming

Presenter: Erick Fungo. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Groups must call to reserve a program date.

Thursday, July 9

The Union Square Partnership 2009 Summer in the Square

Union Square and 14th Street, Manhattan

8:00 am Yoga with Om Yoga

9:00 am Brooklyn Bridge Boot Camp Cardio

10:00 am McBurney YMCA Low-impact Cardio

Fitness in the Square

12:00 noon

Kids in the Square - Princess Katie and Racer Steve

6:00 pm

Music in the Square - Rock of Ages

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, yoga mats and picnic meal to Union Square Park's South Plaza and join us for fitness classes, kids programming, live music and more! Free.

Central Park Conservancy-www.centralparknyc.org

Wild West Playground inside Central Park at West 93rd Street, (212) 310-6600, www.centralparknyc.org/sandbox

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Central Park Conservancy-www.centralparknyc.org

Heckscher Playground inside Central Park at W/C 63rd (212) 310-6600, www.centralparknyc.org/sandbox

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Sandbox Stories

Central Park Conservancy and Dan Kitrosser (for ages 3-8 years). Hear stories about goblins, shoemakers, witches, princesses, fools, and much more. Dan Kitrosser brings the world to life with his inspiring multicultural stories. FREE

Broadway in Bryant Park

Behind the New York Public Library from 40th to 42nd Streets

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Performances TBA

Performers from each Broadway show perform 2-3 songs during these hour-long lunchtime concerts. There are plenty of chairs and tables throughout Bryant park, though you may want to bring a blanket if you want to sit on the grass.

R&B Festival at MetroTech

Downtown Brooklyn, www.bam.org

12:00 noon

Rebirth Brass Band

Free.

National Museum of the American Indian

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Hudson River Park: Take Me Out to the River 2009 Free Summer Events

Pier 54; West Side Highway and W. 14th Street, www.hudsonriverpark.org, 212-627-2121

Doors open at 6:00 pm

RiverRocks: Matt and Kim

Featuring Flosstradamus

Dancing Under the Stars

Forest Park: Dry Harbor Playground, Forest Park, Queens

6:00 pm

Bring your dancing shoes and join us for this very popular free summer series! Instruc-

tors will provide basic lessons in a variety of ballroom style dances for the first 45 minutes each week. Some dance styles include swing, cha cha, and rumba.

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World Financial Center Plaza, 212 945-0505, www.ArtsWorldFinancialCenter.com

12:30 pm

Luminescent Orchestrïi

Luminescent Orchestrïi is Romanian gypsy melodies, punk frenzy, salty tangos, rocking klezmer, hip-hop beats and Appalachian fiddle, performed by violins, guitar, bullhorn harmonica and bass. Free.

Cool Music for Warm Summer Days sponsored by Rudin Management Company, Inc.

24 State Street (aka 1 Battery Park Plaza), 212 407-2429

12:30 pm

Mark Morganelli & The Jazz Forum All-Stars

Smooth mainstream jazz sure to leave you with a smile on your face. Free.

National Museum of the American Indian

One Bowling Green, 212 514-3700, www.americanindian.si.edu

6:00 pm

Barking Water

Frankie and Irene, a 50-something once-upon-a-time couple, take a redemptive road trip across Oklahoma. The journey becomes one of shared memory, love and forgiveness. Free.

Battery Park City Parks Conservancy

Wagner Park, Battery Park City, 212 267-9700, www.bpcparks.org

7:00 pm and 8:30 pm

River & Blues: The Alexis P. Suter Band

Against the backdrop of a spectacular sunset on the Hudson, The Alexis P. Suter Band plays gospel tinged blues and features a rising vocalist. Free.

City Parks Foundation Presents

Herbert Von King Park, Tompkins Avenue between Lafayette Avenue and Greene Avenue

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

MC Lyte

Celebrate Brooklyn!

Prospect Park Bandshell

8:00 p.m. (gates open at 7:00 p.m.)

Dance STREB: Invisible Forces

\$3. contribution is suggested.

Madison Square Park

25th Street and Madison Avenue. at the foot of Madison Square Park's 119 year-old Farragut Monument, www.madisonsquarepark.org

6:30 pm

Madison Sqare Reads

Set against the landscape of Riverside Park and Manhattan, Laura Jacobs' *The Bird-Catcher* (St. Martins, 2009) is the "compulsively readable story" (Elizabeth Kendall) of Margret Snow, who finds that birding and memory are intertwined as she struggles with an unexpected loss. Jacobs is the author of *Women About Town* and an award-winning journalist for *Vanity Fair*. In *The Family Man* (Houghton, 2009), a screwball New York comedy from Elinor Lipman, "an Austen-like stylist" (Washington Post Book World), a man reconnects with his long-lost stepdaughter and finds his life turned upside down. Lipman is the author of eight novels, including *Then She Found Me*, later made into a movie.

Old Stone House Annual Outdoor Summer Theatre Festival

Old Stone House, Washington Park, Brooklyn, www.theoldstonehouse.org
8:00 pm

Hamlet/Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead

The Old Stone House presents its with classics from William Shakespeare and Tom Stoppard by Piper Theatre Productions. This series continues through Sunday, July 12th.

Brooklyn Bridge Park

Entrances to Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park and the adjacent Brooklyn Bridge Park are at Main and Plymouth Streets. 718 802 -0603.

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Music starts at 6:00 pm; movie starts at sunset.

Movies With a View - Raising Arizona

This summer, sidle up, nab a patch of grass and walk off with a night of fabulous entertainment without paying one red cent. Come down to the park to enjoy one of the city's premiere outdoor film series with an eclectic line-up of films and breathtaking views of the NYC waterfront. The films are chosen by an all-volunteer Film Committee and each feature is preceded by a short film. DJs from Brooklyn Radio kick off the evening, spinning tunes as the sun sets, while RICE sells delicious dinners onsite. Complimentary bike valet provided by the fine folks at Transportation Alternatives. FREE!

Historic Richmond Town-www.historicrichmondtown.org

441 Clarke Avenue, (718) 351-1611

11:30 - 12:30 pm

Story Museum

Preschoolers to age 5. Step inside the Historical Museum and enter a world of stories, crafts, music, dancing and singing! \$3 per child, Adults FREE

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Mulberry Street

10 Jersey Street, (212) 966-3424

3:00 pm

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Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Mill Basin

2385 Ralph Avenue, (718) 241-3973

3:00 pm

Wii Gaming

Join your friends and meet new ones while playing video games.

Queens Public Library-www.queenslibrary.org, Flushing

41-17 Main Street, (718) 661-1212

1:00 pm

Rag Box Stitch (for Teens)

Use scrap fabric to make new and fabulous accessories!

Children's Museum of Manhattan-www.cmom.org

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The Tisch Building, 212 West 83rd Street, (212) 721-1223

12:00 noon, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00 pm

New York Designs: Cutting Edge Fashion

Meet young fashion designers from NYC – the center of the fashion world. Create your own cutting edge fashion.

Midsummer Night Swing

Damrosch Park, West 62nd Street between Columbus and Amsterdam (212) 875-5766

Dance lesson at 6:30 pm for all levels with some of New York's foremost instructors. Lessons are included in the price of admission. Live music and dancing is at 7:30pm until 10pm.

The Woody Herman Orchestra directed by Frank Tiberi Big Band Swing

Very few of the bands that carry the name of the great band leaders of the 1930s and 40s have any of the original players left. But the Woody Herman Orchestra is an exception. Band leader Frank Tiberi played with Herman beginning in 1969, and was personally chosen by Herman to lead his band before he died in 1987. The Herman band, known for its often experimental approach to jazz, blues and swing, was one of the best bands of the era and its current incarnation carries on the driving sound that made it famous. Lesson: Simone Coonrod of Swinging with Simone@DJ: Nando Valesquez

Midsummer Night Swing's evenings of dance are ticketed events. All events take place on an elevated dance floor in Damrosch Park. Multi-evening Swing Passes are priced at \$80 for six nights, and \$145 for the full season. Tickets for individual evening events are \$15, and the Kid's Day! event is \$5, with children under 5 free.

The African Poetry Theatre 2009

176-03 Jamaica Avenue, (718) 523-3312

Monday – Friday all programs begin at 1:00 pm. TTAT is 45 minutes long.

To Tell A Tale Program (TTAT): Music Of The African Diaspora

Presenter: Ayodele Maakheru. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Groups must call to reserve a program date.

Friday, July 10

NBC's Annual Today Show Concert at Rockefeller Center

Outside the Windows on the World Studio, 49th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues

7:00 am to 10:00 am

Rascal Flatts

Access to the concerts is free and available on a first-come, first-served basis, so if you want to ensure a good spot, plan to arrive about 1-2 hours early, depending on the popularity of the act and the weather.

Good Morning America Summer Concert Series

Rumsey Playfield in New York City's Central Park. The best way to enter the park is at Fifth Avenue and E. 69th St., where you can follow a path to the playfield.

Arrive by 6:00 am

Queen Latifah

Concerts are free and open to the public. Entrance is on a first-come, first-serve basis. "Good Morning America" airs live from 7 to 9 a.m., with concert performances usually starting around 8:30 a.m.

Central Park Conservancy-www.centralparknyc.org

Billy Johnson Playground inside Central Park at EAST 67th Street. (212) 310-6600, www.centralparknyc.org/sandbox;

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Sandbox Music

Central Park Conservancy and Central Park Brass (for ages 3-8 years). Hear stories about

goblins, shoemakers, witches, princesses, fools, and much more. Dan Kitrosser brings the world to life with his inspiring multicultural stories. FREE

Brooklyn Children's Museum-www.brooklynkids.org

145 Brooklyn Avenue, (718) 735-4400

5:00 – 7:30 pm

Target Free Friday Family Jams Series: African Pearl Troupe

Explore the Museum, catch some film shorts, and join in a festive celebration of life featuring music and dance from Uganda. Bring your own drum and learn the meaning of different African sounds in an authentic drum session! All ages; All programs are included with Museum admission. All programs are subject to change, substitution, and cancellation.

River to River Events, RivertoRiverNYC.com, 877-R2R-R2R9

One Chase Manhattan Plaza, between Pine, Liberty, Nassau and William Streets, 212 219-9401 x118, www.lmcc.net/sitelines

12:30 pm

Sitelines: Untitled Corner by Daniel Arsham, Jonah Bokaer & Judith Sanchez Ruiz

The site-specific collaboration examines memory loss, pattern recognition, and perceptual faculties as they apply to the human body, creating the illusion of an expanded space.

River to River Events, RivertoRiverNYC.com, 877-R2R-R2R9

One New York Plaza, 212 945-0505, www.ArtsWorldFinancialCenter.com

12:30 pm

Luminescent Orchestrïi

Luminescent Orchestrïi is Romanian gypsy melodies, punk frenzy, salty tangos, rocking klezmer, hip-hop beats and Appalachian fiddle, performed by violins, guitar, bullhorn harmonica and bass. Free.

River to River Events, RivertoRiverNYC.com, 877-R2R-R2R9

South Street Seaport

6:00 pm

Seaport Music: The Pains of Being Pure at Heart with Zaza and Ribbons

A breaking New York City four-piece, The Pains of Being Pure at Heart play sweet & noisy pop with boy/girl vocals, blissful melodies and blistering drums. Critics cite influences of new wave, shoegaze-pop and dance-punk, that combine to create “beautiful and perfect and wonderfully genuine” music which typifies “everything that’s great about indiepop at the moment.” Free.

Hudson River Park: Take Me Out to the River 2009 Free Summer Events

Pier 46; West Side Highway and Charles Street, www.hudsonriverpark.org, 212-627-2121

Dusk - around 8:30 pm

The Wizard of Oz

Hudson River Park: Take Me Out to the River 2009 Free Summer Events

Pier 45; West Side Highway and Christopher Street, www.hudsonriverpark.org, 212-627-2121

7:00 pm

Sunset on the Hudson

Guitar Man david Ippolito performs

Celebrate Brooklyn!

Prospect Park Bandshell

7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6:30 p.m.)

Los Amigos Invisibles/Aterciopelados

Bud Light Latin Music Series \$3. contribution is suggested.

Mardi Gras Festival Productions

Broad St. from Water - Beaver Street (212)809-4900

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Community Day Festival

All events will be held rain or shine.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art-www.metmuseum.org

1000 Fifth Avenue (at 82nd Street), (212) 535-7710. Classes meet in the Uris Center for Education on the Museum's ground floor, near the 81st Street entrance.

4:30-6:00 pm

Birding at the Met - Art Explore (Ages 11-14)

Join other students in a program of free classes devoted to understanding art and exploring the Museum. All classes are based on works of art in the Museum's collection. To register call (212) 396-5121. Please provide student's name, school, grade, telephone number, and title(s) of the class(es) the student would like to attend.

Staten Island Children's Museum-www.statenislandkids.org

1000 Richmond Terrace, (718) 273-2060

1:30, 2:30 & 3:30 pm

King Kullen's Kidz Cook - Sweet Sushi

Make candy that looks like the real thing!

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Mosholu

285 East 205th Street, (718) 882-8239

2:00 pm

Crafternoons

Make your own creations. Use clay, markers, paper, and more to create your own unique items. All materials will be provided. For ages 12 to 18.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Mulberry Street

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New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Tremont

1866 Washington Avenue, (718) 299-5177

3:30 pm

Game on @ TM

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New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Great Kills

56 Giffords Lane, (718) 984-6670

3:30 pm

Myspace and more!

Adding friends and finding bands? Learn how to find the best people online, and also all about getting YOUR voice out!

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Central Branch

135 East 46th Street

3:00 pm

Retro Gaming

It's back to the good old days. Join your friends and roll the dice.

Move pieces by hand instead of with a mouse click. Join us for some old fashioned board game fun. For ages 12 to 18.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Kingsbridge

280 West 231st Street, (718) 548-5656

4:00 pm

Summer Library Club

It's not just about books! Come in, hang out with your friends, and talk about what you're reading, watching, and doing this summer. Remember, we've got air conditioning!

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Baychester

2049 Asch Loop North, (718) 379-6700

3:00 pm

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New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Edenwald

1255 East 233rd Street, (718) 798-3355

3:30 pm

Teen Lounge

Leave the velvet ropes behind & come hang out with your friends in a cool, casual environment. Bring snacks to enjoy while you listen to the radio & chat with your friends. Use laptops to do your homework, watch videos, play games, & more! Ages 12-18.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Clason's Point

1215 Morrison Avenue, (718) 842-1235

3:30 pm

Teen Tech Time

Need extra computer time? Want to pimp your MySpace? Research colleges? Edit video? Just search the web? Learn about our electronic services and play with the library laptops. For ages 12 to 18.

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Queens Public Library-www.queenslibrary.org, Flushing

41-17 Main Street, (718) 661-1212

1:00 pm

Summer Drama Club (for Teens)

Learn about acting, storytelling art and scenic design. No theater experience necessary. Ages 10 - 17.

Queens Public Library-www.queenslibrary.org, Flushing

41-17 Main Street, (718) 661-1212

2:00 pm

'Tween Zone (for Teens)

'Tweens ages 10 - 13 can relax with board and video games in this fun-filled two hours every Friday.

Children's Museum of Manhattan-www.cmom.org

The Tisch Building, 212 West 83rd Street, (212) 721-1223

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Occidental Brothers Dance Band International (at 7:30pm) Soukous, Rumba, Benga, Highlife Samba Mapangala & Virunga (at 9:30pm)

The Chicago-based Occidental Brothers Dance Band International plays Central and West African classic dance music including soukous, rumba, and highlife. This multi-racial group, popular on the summer festival circuit, gets audiences on the dance floor with their classic Ghanaian beats. Joining them on the bill will be East Africa's most beloved singer, Samba Mapangala, and his group, Virunga. Mapangala created a unique style, called benga, that combined Congolese rumba and soukous with earthier Kenyan styles, all sung in his astounding voice. Mapangala had a recent worldwide hit with his song, "Obama Ubarikie."

Lesson: Thelma Mwan' Dido

DJ: DJ Beto

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The African Poetry Theatre 2009

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Monday – Friday all programs begin at 1:00 pm. CCW is 2 hours long.

Children Cultural Workshops Program (CCW): African Mask Making

Presenter: Kobla Mensa Dente. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Groups must call to reserve a program date.

Saturday, July 11

Celebrate Brooklyn!

Prospect Park Bandshell

4:00 p.m. (gates open at 3:00 p.m.)

Ezra Jack Keats Family Concert

A Very Special Show with They Might Be Giants. \$3. contribution is suggested.

Kingsborough Community College-www.kbcc.cuny.edu

2001 Oriental Boulevard, Brooklyn, (718) 368-5596

7:30 pm

Occidental Brothers Dance Band International

This Chicago-based group has been winning over audiences and critics alike with their electrifying live performances. They offer a vibrant cocktail of classic Central and West African dance music, instrumental versions of classic Afro-pop, and danceable Congolese rumbas. This is a free summer outdoor concert. Parking is also free. Picnicking is encouraged and you may bring blankets or folding chairs. Concerts are cancelled in case of rain.

Brooklyn Children's Museum-www.brooklynkids.org

145 Brooklyn Avenue, (718) 735-4400

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sportacular!

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Brooklyn Botanic Garden

900 Washington Avenue, 718-623-7200, www.bbg.org

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Garden Explorations: Bugging Out

Every Tuesday in July kids can discover an amazing array of insects and not-so-creepy crawlers in the Discovery Garden. In this free drop-in workshop (with paid Garden admission) check out worms, ladybugs, butterflies, and more and learn about the roles they play in keeping gardens healthy.

Prospect Park Zoo

450 Flatbush Avenue, 718-399-7339, www.prospectparkzoo.org

11:00 am and 3:00 pm

Meet a Keeper

Stop by Prospect Park Zoo on week-ends in July to meet animals on the marsh and Aviary keepers. There will be animals on the marsh chats at 11:00 am and Aviary chats at 3:00 pm.

Roosevelt Live!

Riverwalk Commons - take the "F" train to Roosevelt Island

4:00 pm

Rock Show with Brother Josephus

Central Park Summerstage

Enter the park from Fifth Avenue and 69th Street or from Central Park West and 72nd Street, 212-861-5229, www.summerstage.org

3:00 pm - gates open 60 minutes prior to start time - first come/first served

Los Fabuloso Cadillacs

The internationally renowned, high-energy Argentinean sensations, with support from alternative hip hop via Puerto Rico. Presented in association with Latin Alternative Music Conference. Rain or shine. Free.

Citywide Beach Volleyball Tournament

Coney Island Beach, Brooklyn

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Test your skills at this annual classic. Amateur beach volleyball players enter to compete in various divisions along Coney Island's historic boardwalk. Winning teams advance to the finals Sunday, July 12th.

Greenbelt Carnival and Chuck-Wagon Bar-B-Q

Greenbelt Recreation Center, Staten Island, www.sigreenbelt.org.

5:30 pm

Bring friends and make new ones at this old-fashioned picnic featured simple games, activities—including a paper airplane contest—music and more.

The Hans Christian Andersen Storytelling Center, Inc.

The Hans Christian Andersen Statue, Central Park at 72nd Street and Fifth Avenue (west side of Conservatory Water), www.hcstorycenter.org

11:00 - 2:00

The Jumper and The Sandman

The Jumper told by Meg Lippert - origin H.C. Andersen

The Sandman told by Ron O'Reilly - origin H.C. Andersen

Celebrating 53 years of storytelling at the statue of Hans Christian Andersen.

Family Fun Day

The Playground For All Children, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, NY, (718) 430-1890

12:00 noon – 3:00 pm

Children's performances, arts & crafts, learn to ride a bike, storytelling, special guests, and much more for the whole family at Pelham Bay Park's premiere playground.

Outdoor Movie Screening

Great Lawn of the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, NY, (718) 885-1461
(Rain Date Saturday 18th)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

E.T. The Extra Terrestrial

Bring the family and friends for this one night only showing of E.T. The Extra Terrestrial. Pick up some Reese's Pieces, sit under the moonlight on the beautifully landscaped lawn of this 19th century landmark, and enjoy America's favorite alien botanist on the big screen.

Tidal Paddle

Hunts Point Riverside Park, Bronx

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Explore the tidal flats of the Bronx River in the multifaceted South Bronx. For the general public

Mardi Gras Festival Productions

Park Avenue South from 17th - 23rd Street (212)809-4900

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Park Avenue Summerfest

All events will be held rain or shine.

Summer on the Hudson - Riverside Park South

Pier I at 70th Street, Manhattan, (212) 408-0219

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm

4th Annual NYC Main Squeeze Accordion Festival

The squeeze box masters are back! Celebrate all things accordion at our annual festival of traditional and eclectic music from around the globe. Kids can get in on the act too, at the Accordion Kids Corner. Browse the Accordion Flea Market and dance, dance, dance!

Pelham Bay Park

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, 895 Shore Road , 718 885-1461

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

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Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Mill Basin

2385 Ralph Avenue, (718) 241-3973

2:30 pm

Family Story Time (for Kids)**The Metropolitan Museum of Art-www.metmuseum.org**

1000 Fifth Avenue (at 82nd Street), (212) 535-7710

1:30–2:30 pm and 3:00–4:00 pm

Augustus Saint-Gaudens in The Metropolitan Museum of Art

These one-hour slide introductions to special exhibitions are designed for young visitors and their adult companions. North Classroom, Uris Center for Education

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Big 3 Palladium Orchestra: The Music of Machito, Tito Rodriguez, and Tito Puente Mambo, Latin Jazz, Big Band **50th Anniversary Show**

In the 1950s, America's love affair with the mambo started in the Palladium Ballroom in New York. The giants of the genre were Machito, Tito Rodriguez and Tito Puente, known as "The Big 3." This musical era is recreated by the Big 3 Palladium Orchestra, led by two sons of the maestros – percussionists Tito Rodriguez, Jr. and Machito, Jr. (Mario Grillo) - and comprised of many musicians from the original bands. The sound is big and blazing, an aural feast of pulsing Latin rhythms.

Lesson: Delille 'Mambo D' Thomas & Glenda 'La Mambra' Heffer

DJ: Ron McGugins – On2 Productions

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Central Park Conservancy-www.centralparknyc.org

Great Hill and The Peter Jay Sharp Children's Glade (Inside Central Park at 106th Street and Central Park West) (212) 310-6600

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Great Jazz on the Great Hill

Annual Jazz concert co-presented by the Central Park Conservancy and Jazzmobile.

More information: 212-860-1370. Free for all ages.

Staten Island Children's Museum-www.statenislandkids.org

1000 Richmond Terrace, (718) 273-2060

1, 2, & 3:00 pm

Festival of Lanterns

The tradition of the lanterns is to help guide the spirits of the ancestors and it is customary to light lanterns at all the houses. Learn more about the significance of Japanese lanterns and create your own.

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum-www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.org

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420 Tompkins Avenue, (718) 442-1608

11:00 am

Building Rededication

The Staten Island Borough President is scheduled to help us cut the ribbon, and we're planning a very special event to mark this historic occasion.

The Skyscraper Museum-www.skyscraper.org

39 Battery Place, NYC (212) 945-6324

10:30 -11:30 am

Trash Towers

People recycle bottles, paper, and clothing all the time. But did you know that buildings are recycled too? Come learn how builders reduce waste by reusing materials from older buildings to create new ones. Kids will make their own "Trash Towers" from recycled materials that they can tear down and rebuild over and over again. Ages 5+ Registration is required by calling (212) 945-6324. Suggested Donation: \$5 per child.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Central Branch

135 East 46th Street

2:00 pm

Anime Addicts and Manga Mania

Have a passion for drawing manga? Want to talk about Anime? Interested in Japanese culture? Come join your fellow fanatics and hang out while you talk and draw your own ideas! For ages 12 to 18.

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Macomb's Bridge

2650 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., (212) 281-4900

12:00 pm

Going graphic

Love to read, but bored with text? Check out the graphic novels at the library! Comic books, classic stories retold, and edgy new tales. Check them out today!

New York Public Library-www.nypl.org, Central Branch

135 East 46th Street

10:00 am

Laptop Star Galactica

Defend yourself from the Cylon invasion. Learn the truth. Use one of the library laptops to do your homework, watch YouTube videos, modify your MySpace, or just have fun. For ages 12 to 18.

Sunday, July 12

Kingsborough Community College-www.kbcc.cuny.edu

2001 Oriental Boulevard, Brooklyn, (718) 368-5596

3:00-5:00 pm

FAMILY BEACH PARTY

Kids rule at this event! Swim and play on our white sand beach, make a fun art project, and tap your sandy feet to the kid-friendly world music tunes spun by DJ Owlpuuffs. Snacks will be on sale but you're invited to bring your own picnic basket. And if it rains, we'll move the party inside to our Beach Café, with floor-to-ceiling views of the water. Space is limited and tickets are required. Order your FREE Family Beach Party tickets TODAY by calling 718-368-5596. This is a free summer outdoor event Parking is also free.

Mardi Gras Festival Productions

Madison Avenue from 42nd - 57th Street (212)809-4900

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

NYC Celebration of Nations Festival

All events will be held rain or shine.

The Noguchi Museum

32-37 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City, www.noguchi.org

3:00 pm

Summer Music in the Garden Gamelan Son of Lion

The Noguchi Museum hosts world music performers in our outdoor sculpture garden every second Sunday in June, July and August. These programs further enhance Isamu Noguchi's legacy as an international artist and provide the unique experience of hearing music while in the midst of outdoor sculpture. Free with paid museum admission.

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Family Day: DJ Lance Rock & Brobee (of Yo Gabba Gabba!) the Jumparounds; Billy B., storyteller Iza Trapani, "Sleeping Beauty" puppet show

A day for the entire family showcasing Nickelodeon stars, hip music, storytelling, marionette puppets, and dancing. Rain or shine. Free.

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Hudson River Park's Pier 54, West Side Highway and W. 14th Street, www.hudsonriver-park.org, 212-627-2121

Free dance lessons start at 6:30 pm, Band goes on at 7:00 pm

Moon Dance Swing: George Gee Big Band**The Metropolitan Museum of Art-www.metmuseum.org**

1000 Fifth Avenue (at 82nd Street), (212) 535-7710

1:30–2:30 pm and 3:00–4:00 pm

Pen and Parchment: Drawing in the Middle Ages

These one-hour slide introductions to special exhibitions are designed for young visitors and their adult companions. North Classroom, Uris Center for Education

Children's Museum of Manhattan-www.cmom.org

The Tisch Building, 212 West 83rd Street, (212) 721-1223

1200 noon, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00 pm

New York Designs: Cutting Edge Fashion

Meet young fashion designers from NYC – the center of the fashion world. Create your own cutting edge fashion.

Children's Museum of Manhattan-www.cmom.org

The Tisch Building, 212 West 83rd Street, (212) 721-1223

4:00 pm

PlayWorks™ Sing-along with Richard Younger (ages 4 & younger)

This musician will entertain you with his upbeat original tot rock songs.

Staten Island Children's Museum-www.statenislandkids.org

1000 Richmond Terrace, (718) 273-2060

1, 2, & 3:00 pm

Festival of Lanterns

The tradition of the lanterns is to help guide the spirits of the ancestors and it is customary to light lanterns at all the houses. Learn more about the significance of Japanese lanterns and create your own.

Monday, July 13

2009 Met in the Parks

Central Park SummerStage: the Central Park performance will take place at the Central Park SummerStage (rather than the Great Lawn) and will require (free) tickets.

8:00 pm

Paulo Szot, baritone, Lisette Oropesa, soprano, Alek Shrader, tenor, Vlad Iftinca, pianist.

Every year, Met in the Park offers New Yorkers and visitors alike the opportunity to experience a free, live opera performance in New York City's parks. While this offers an opportunity for the uninitiated to get a taste of opera, more importantly it's an opportunity to gather with friends and enjoy drinks, snacks and conversation with an operatic background.

River to River Events, RivertoRiverNYC.com, 877-R2R-R2R9

One Chase Manhattan Plaza, between Pine, Liberty, Nassau and William Streets, 212 219-9401 x118, www.lmcc.net/sitelines

12:30 pm

Sitelines: Untitled Corner by Daniel Arsham, Jonah Bokaer & Judith Sanchez Ruiz

the site-specific collaboration examines memory loss, pattern recognition, and perceptual faculties as the apply to the human body, creating the illusion of an expanded space.

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The Elevated Acre at 55 Water Street

8:00 pm

Movie Nights on the Elevated Acre: The Taking of Pelham One Two Three

(1974) The original, heart stopping, taut thriller by Joseph Sargent is about four armed men who hijack a New York City subway train and hold it and its passengers for ransom. This New York cinema classic stars Walter Matthau and a fine cast. May not be suitable for children. Featuring a screening of videos by experimental filmmaker Seoungcho Cho.