

**Whitney Museum of American Art
Community Day
Saturday, May 21
Washington St. & Gansevoort St., Meatpacking District
<http://whitney.org/CommunityDay>**

In celebration of the groundbreaking for the Whitney's new Meatpacking District location, the Museum is hosting a Community Day offering activities and artist collaborations for families, teens, and adults.

**Community Open House
9:30 am–5 pm
The Whitney's New Building Site
Washington St. & Gansevoort St.**

Check out the site of the Whitney's new building and meet the team behind the project, see architectural renderings, and enjoy giveaways and snacks. Be sure to pick up a free limited-edition guide to explore the Whitney's new neighborhood through the eyes of artist Lize Mogel; recommended for kids ages 6 to 12.

<http://whitney.org/Events/CommunityOpenHouse>

**Now and Then: Whitney Family Programs on The High Line
10 am–12 pm
For families with kids ages 6–12
Enter at the Chelsea Market Passage at 16 St. & 10 Ave.
Tours leave every 15 mins., 10–11:30 am**

Enjoy guided tours of the High Line, where kids will explore the changing landscape of the city through observation and historical photos and sketch their vision of the future downtown. First come, first served.

<http://whitney.org/Events/NowAndThen>

**The Groundbreakers Art Party Auction Preview
10 am–6 pm**

**Phillips de Pury & Company
450 W. 15 St. (btwn. 9 Ave. & 10 Ave.), 3rd Fl.**

Preview a selection of contemporary artwork before it goes up for auction at the Whitney's annual Art Party on May 24. The Art Party benefits the Whitney's Independent Study Program and other education initiatives. Families and strollers are welcome! More information at <http://whitney.org/ArtParty> or (212) 671-5310.

<http://whitney.org/Events/GroundbreakersAuctionPreview>

**Performance: STREB and The Center
11 am & 12 pm
The Standard Hotel Plaza
848 Washington St. (btwn. Little W. 12 St. & W. 13 St.)
Rain: The Whitney's New Building Site
Washington St. & Gansevoort St.**

In celebration of the Whitney's new building, youth from The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Community Center on W. 13 St. present the premiere performance of their original choreography, developed in collaboration with dancers from the world-renowned, risk-taking STREB Extreme Action Company.

<http://whitney.org/Events/StrebAndTheCenterPerformance>

**Youth Insights Spring Exhibition and Celebration
Exhibition Viewing: 12–6 pm
Reception and Celebration: 4–6 pm**

Westbeth Artists' Housing Community Room
155 Bank St. (btwn. West St. & Washington St.)

The Whitney's Youth Insights program provides opportunities for a diverse group of NYC teens to work collaboratively, discuss art critically, think creatively, and make art inspired by this exchange. This exhibition presents works of art and writing created this spring by teens in collaboration with Artists-in-Residence Angel Otero and Wardell Milan.

<http://whitney.org/Events/YouthInsightsSpringExhibitionCelebration>

Chalk It Up!

12–4 pm

For families with kids of all ages

Westbeth Artists' Housing Courtyard

155 Bank St. (btwn. West St. & Washington St.)

Take a break with fun outdoor activities! Street artist Ellis Gallagher's creations will inspire families to add their own chalk masterpieces.

<http://whitney.org/Events/ChalkItUp>

California Dreaming: A Collaborative Mural with Mario Ybarra Jr. and Karla Diaz

1–4 pm

For teens ages 14–19

The DETAILS Guild Wall, Washington St. & W. 13 St.

Teens are invited to join 2008 Whitney Biennial artist Mario Ybarra Jr. and his partner Karla Diaz of Slanguage Studio in creating a mural at The DETAILS Guild Wall celebrating the Whitney's new home.

<http://whitney.org/Events/ArtistProjectMarioYbarraJrAndKarlaDiaz>

Artist Project: Aki Sasamoto

1–4 pm

For families with kids ages 6–12

72 Gansevoort St. (btwn. Washington St. & 9 Ave.)

Families are invited to explore play, ritual, and rituals of play with 2010 Whitney Biennial artist Aki Sasamoto through an interactive installation and intermittent performances.

<http://whitney.org/Events/ArtistProjectAkiSasamoto>

From Mollusks to Meat Hooks to Moschino with Lize Mogel

1:30 pm & 3 pm

Meet at the Whitney Museum New Building Site

Washington St. & Gansevoort St.

Artist Lize Mogel leads an interactive walking tour of the Meatpacking District, exploring the overlapping ecosystems and hidden histories of the streets. Adventuresome trekkers and spectators alike can pick up a special artist-designed map.

<http://whitney.org/Events/InteractiveNeighborhoodMappingTour>

Merce Cunningham Dance Company Welcomes the Whitney

2–3 pm

Merce Cunningham Dance Company

55 Bethune St. (btwn. West St. & Washington St.), 11 Fl.

Enjoy a special studio showing by the Cunningham Repertory Understudy Group, a dance workshop for people of all ages and abilities, and a Q&A with the dancers.

<http://whitney.org/Events/MerceCunninghamWelcomesTheWhitney>

Whitney Museum Groundbreaking Party with CHERYL

7 pm–midnight

21 and older

Hiro Ballroom at the Maritime Hotel

88 9 Ave. (btwn. 16 St. & 17 St.) / \$5 General Admission

The performance and video collective CHERY L hosts “THE DANCE PARTY OF THE FUTURE.” Known for staging “dance parties that will ruin your life,” CHERY L brings in the glitter through immersive videos, outrageous costumes, and exuberant dance moves. THEY WANT TO PARTY WITH YOU. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door and in advance at <http://whitney.org/CommunityDay>.
<http://whitney.org/Events/CHERYLGroundbreaking>