

## Arts & Culture Committee Meeting

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- Quorum reached
- Minutes for previous meeting not ready
- Will be rotating minutes duties
- Introduction – Jenny Wan – project request, fund for city of new york planning fellow, Christa Gisecke gave heads up, this year planning fellow will be working with us helping us creating an A&C database compatible with DOIT system; create address book – identify A&C community, mapping artistic landscape. Linda shared a form for data collection with Jenny. Projects goes to end of school year – May.
- Mary Miss – Broadway 1000 Steps installation at Montefiore Park; Olivia; broadway as green corridor of NYC. Installation in place – green posts. By Saturday 54 green posts with mirrors attached. Storm sewer, building... name something, tell you what happens when rain goes down the storm sewer, green roof. Convex mirrors. Open park 11-2 Sat. Spanish speakers also. Recipe exchange. Decode the neighborhood. Spring 2013 – hope 20 hubs. Montefiore only 3 months. After, want other artists to give proposals. Mary received a large grant through the Institute for Learning Innovation. Understand how the arts community can catalyze these initiatives. Small forum on Sunday at City College, - 8-10 different people in four different areas – students, architects, stakeholders, planners. See the installation first.
- Introductions all around
- Masiah – presentation – [blackriverdancestudios.com](http://blackriverdancestudios.com) – space for rent, Harlem, Lenox at W126th St
- Judith Insell – Registration is going on right now for Harlem School of the Arts programs
- Mark – showing trailer of film – musical comedy, adult, 151<sup>st</sup> St and Broadway location; premiering at the Apollo Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, still need to raise \$5K deposit; “Welcome to Harlem”
- Michael – Harlem Arts Alliance – the arts service organization for Harlem; membership; serve arts organizations and artists; Harlem has a world-wide brand; bridge gap between different sectors – arts and business, young people, linking to existing institutions; 229 W 135 St, right across from precinct; workshop schedule for Fall Sept-Oct; upcoming Harlem Advocacy Week beginning of October: full schedule on web site; kick-off, regular monthly meeting Riverside Theatre – first Monday of every month; 10am; Oct 3 – advocacy week, honoring Harry Belafonte; new documentary fillm HBO – private screening Oct 6 Thurs at Apollo. Honoring Danny Simmons. Honoring Ruby Dee. End of week – sponsoring arts circuit.. walking tour

10/7 Friday kickoff. <http://harlemaa.org> ; facilitating development cultural center – Apollo, jazzmobile, classical theatre of harlem, and a gallery – no living space; 199 seat theatre; 99 seat flexible space; break ground 2013; conference space – harlem community dev corp – selling space as developer; key to development is that it must have community/non-profit access; mark 125 – image nation, national jazz museum, tourism nyc location; small grants program \$3000 for artists and organizations; they gave out \$50K this year; info is on web site

- Sr. Social Cabaret – grant with Inez Dickens money, awarded grant; A&C committee with Parks; Cabaret night Sept 15 11am-2pm. Riverbank State Park. Diane will email the info
- Linda – give thought to plans, activities, aspirations; goals: keep abreast of/be involved with Columbia expansion discussions; Citarella's – brewery (Harlem Brewery); new Chair Georgiette Morgan-Thomas rolling out what she would like to see the board focus on; parallel committee goals with board's; desire for all chairs to work together as committee, as board, as neighbors; as A&C facilitate, be clear about activities we want to advance; subsequent meetings – will talk in more detail 1-4 possibilities. Budget process – typically no line item for arts.. piggyback on Parks and Recreation – cultivate friendlier relationships with other committees; concert/art crawl across districts; be active in budget consultation process – funding workforce development initiative targeted at professional artists;
- Penny – October; Art Reverb – cabaret \$20 Thursday; Harlem Stage; commission powerful social commentary from artist – war, returning home; documentary lady bates, little rock – integrate school system
- Judith – Harlem School of the Arts; taking registrations; they were just on Project Runway (visual arts) – all four art forms in one place: music, visual, theater, dance; just had an open house
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