



SUMMER 2016

Battery
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Parks

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT BATTERY PARK CITY PARKS



MESSAGE FROM THE BPCA PRESIDENT, SHARI C. HYMAN

As our beautiful gardens and lawns come to life, so too does our summer programming. I am very excited to present you with this year's calendar of activities for people of all ages. Whether it be tending a garden as a tot, kicking back to some theater in the park, chilling to music at our always popular River & Blues Festival, stretching and "om-ing" during our free outdoor yoga class, or spending an afternoon sketching the scenes with our free adult art classes, there is literally something for everyone to enjoy.

I hope you will take a moment to peruse what we have to offer and find something that brings you out to play. I look forward to meeting you there!



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**Battery Park
City Authority**

FAMILY DANCES

Energetic, joyful community dancing for all ages. No partners or experience necessary.

MAY 21

FLAMENCO DANCE

6:30-8 PM, ESPLANADE PLAZA

The Flamenco dance and music that we experience today are the result of the blending of many cultures in southern Spain over centuries. Let **Sonia Olla & Ismael Fernandez** guide you through the lightning-fast footwork of this traditional dance form.



JULY 16

WEST AFRICAN DANCE

6:30-8 PM, ESPLANADE PLAZA

Through the use of traditional West African instruments, **Mane Kadang** dance company's infectious dance, drum, and spirit transport audiences to the troupe's beloved Africa. Dances are led by Founding Director, Maguette Camara.

JUNE 24

SWEDISH MIDSUMMER DANCE

5-8 PM, WAGNER PARK

DANCING: 6:30-8 PM

Enjoy this unique celebration of the summer solstice. Learn folk dances from Barnklubben Elsa Rix and Swedish Folkdancers of New York. Make midsummer wreaths, enjoy a parade, children's games, and Swedish delicacies. Traditional music by Paul Dahlin and Fiddlers from the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. Dances led by Ross Sutter, Scandinavian folklorist.

Swedish Midsummer Festival is co-sponsored by the Consulate General of Sweden, New York.



CONSULATE GENERAL
OF SWEDEN



FISHING AT GO FISH!

MAY14

10-2 PM, WAGNER PARK

Join experienced anglers for catch-and-release fishing and learn about life in the Hudson River. Observe the day's catch in aerated tanks and discover what you can do to steward the recovery of the Hudson. This event includes an art project and bird watching.



GO FISH! FAMILY PERFORMANCE SHINE & THE MOONBEAMS

12 PM, WAGNER PARK

Shine & the Moonbeams play children's music with a funky twist, using R&B rhythms and high energy vocals to make listeners of all ages get up and dance. Fronted by singer Shawana Kemp, a five-time winner of Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater.



AUG13

BRAZILIAN DANCE

6:30-8 PM, ESPLANADE PLAZA

Get up and dance to the energetic and joyful music of **Liliana Araújo and her band**, as they perform stirring forró music from rural northeast Brazil. Their music features accordion, zambumba and triangle, sharing Brazilian traditions through dance and song.

AUG06

SILENT SUMMER DANCE PARTY

12 - 4 PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK

Get out in the sun and dance! Join us for our Silent Summer Dance Party with the help of **QuietEvents**. Put your headphones on and the sounds of the party pulse to life as you groove to your choice of 2 live DJs or a set playlist. Food trucks on-site with festive fare. Headphones are free, deposit is required.



RIVER & BLUES

THURSDAYS IN JULY

Enjoy summer evenings listening to the blues and American roots music while the sun sets over the Hudson River. Bring a picnic and friends.

JULY07

AMY HELM & THE HANDSOME STRANGERS

7-8:30 PM, WAGNER PARK

Blessed with a deeply expressive voice and superb songwriting skills, Amy Helm's music draws upon a deep well of American musical traditions. Accompanied by bassist Byron Isaacs, guitarist Daniel Littleton and drummer David Berger.



JULY14

HENRY BUTLER & JOHN HAMMOND

7-8:30 PM, WAGNER PARK

A rare collaboration of two legends in American roots music. Bluesman Hammond's driving slide guitar and harmonica are paired with the jazz and funk influences of Butler's virtuosic New Orleans's blues piano.



JULY21

ROBERT RANDOLPH & THE FAMILY BAND

7-8:30 PM, WAGNER PARK

Robert Randolph's mighty pedal steel prowess garnered him a spot on *Rolling Stone's* list of "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time." Together with the talented Family Band, they amplify the power of the blues into an electrifying celebration.

WALKING TOUR



MAY07

HISTORY OF THE AMERICA'S CUP IN NEW YORK

2 PM, 6 RIVER TERRACE

The America's Cup races return to New York City for the first time since 1920, and viewing will be ideal from Battery Park City. Learn the story of the America's Cup from yachting historian John Rousmaniere, a leading authority on this legendary regatta.

JULY28

DADDY LONG LEGS

7-8:30 PM, WAGNER PARK

Fast-rising Brooklyn trio Daddy Long Legs plays raw energy blues with an abandon that recalls the best of the British Invasion.



THEATER, MUSIC & STORIES

Enjoy evenings in Battery Park City with theater, music and interactive stories.



JUNE29-JULY02

NEW YORK CLASSICAL THEATRE:
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

7 PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK

Celebrate Shakespeare's 400th anniversary in a romantic setting by the Hudson River with this interactive troupe's stirring rendition of **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy before the show. All ages are welcome!



MAY06-JUNE17

SUNSET SINGING CIRCLE

FRIDAYS, 7-8:30 PM, WAGNER PARK

Sing together! Share rounds and folk songs. No experience necessary. All ages welcome. Bring a favorite song. Led by folksinger **Terre Roche**. No program on 5/27.

JULY08-AUG26

SUNSET JAM ON THE HUDSON

FRIDAYS, 6:30-8 PM, WAGNER PARK

Join a drumming circle led by master drummers. Instruments provided or bring your own.



PUBLIC ART TOURS & WORKSHOP

STORIES FOR ALL AGES

MAY07

INTO THE OCEAN OF STORY

11 AM, TEARDROP PARK

Laura Simms performs, "Into the Ocean of Story," sailing adventures to conjure images of the sea. Expect a sea chanty or two to fill everyone's sails.

JULY16

STORIES FROM AFRICA

11 AM, TEARDROP PARK

April Armstrong tells "Stories from Africa." Will tortoise remember the name of the tree? Can the guinea fowl fool the tricky Anancy? How can Tunji defeat the giant with a song? Join us to find out!

MAY15

TOUR: THE REAL WORLD

2 PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK

Tom Otterness's collection of bronze sculptures has become one of New York's most popular public art pieces. A first glance shows a delightful mix of highly stylized characters populating a fairy-tale world, but the artist's commentary on life and human nature emerges upon closer inspection.



JUNE05

**TOUR & WORKSHOP: MARTIN
PURYEAR'S PYLONS**

2 PM, NORTH COVE

This striking piece highlights the contrast between transparent and solid in relation to the river's edge. Explore this idea with contemporary art historian Dorothea Basile and artist/educator Elise Engler by constructing your own model using wood bits, wire, dowels plus other materials recycled from unique sources.



BE CREATIVE, GET ACTIVE

MAY04-OCT26

ELEMENTS OF NATURE
DRAWING

WEDNESDAYS

11 AM-1 PM, WAGNER PARK

Get inspired by the beautiful expanse of the Hudson River & New York Harbor and by the flower-filled and seasonally evolving palette of Wagner Park's verdant gardens. An artist/educator will provide ideas and instruction.



MAY06-OCT28

TAI CHI

FRIDAYS

8:30-9:30 AM, ESPLANADE PLAZA

Improve balance, strength and focus through gentle exercises. The sights and sounds of the river provide an ideal background for the ancient flowing postures. An ideal choice for participants of all ages. No class on 5/27, 7/1, 9/2, 10/7.

MAY04-OCT26

FIGURE AL FRESCO

WEDNESDAYS

2:30-4:30 PM, SOUTH COVE

Challenge your artistic skills by drawing the human figure. Each week a model will strike both long and short poses for participants to draw. Artist/Educators will offer constructive suggestions and critique. Drawing materials provided.

MAY07-OCT29

DRAWING IN THE PARK

SATURDAYS

10 AM-12PM, SOUTH COVE

Paint in watercolor, or use pastels, chalk, and charcoal to capture the magical vistas of the Hudson River and the unique landscape of South Cove. An artist/educator will help participants of all levels with instruction and critique. Art materials provided. No class on 5/28, 7/2, 9/3, 10/8.

MAY04-SEPT28

SUNSET YOGA

WEDNESDAYS

6-7 PM, WAGNER PARK

Unwind from the day with outdoor yoga overlooking New York Harbor. An instructor provides guidance with alignment and poses. All levels welcome. Bring your own mat.

BE YOURSELF

JUNE01-SEPT28

VOLLEYBALL AFTER WORK

WEDNESDAYS

6-7:30 PM, ESPLANADE PLAZA

Shake off the stress of work and join other adults for some friendly competition at drop-in volleyball. A great opportunity to meet new friends! Scorekeeper and balls provided. No program on 9/14.

MAY06-JUNE17

TEEN NIGHTS

FRIDAYS

4-7 PM, 6 RIVER TERRACE

Drop by for a few hours to meet friends and make new ones. Play table tennis, life-size chess, giant Connect-4, listen to music and relax. Grades 7-12. No program on 5/27 and 6/24.



JULY09-AUG27

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

SATURDAYS

11 AM-1 PM, BPC BALL FIELDS

The "Spirit of the Game" lives on in Battery Park City! Enjoy drop-in, organized games of Ultimate Frisbee at the BPC Ball Fields and learn why this is becoming a fast-growing sport all around the world. All levels welcome. Discs provided.

JULY11-JULY29

**ART PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT
SUMMER INTENSIVE FOR TEENS**

**MON-FRI, 10 AM-4 PM, 6 RIVER
TERRACE, \$750 for 3 weeks, \$275/
week. Materials incl.**

Create art with other like-minded artists in a studio setting and outdoors. Weekly museum and gallery outings. Develop your own portfolio for applying to specialized art high schools or colleges. Taught by professional artists. For students grades 7-12.

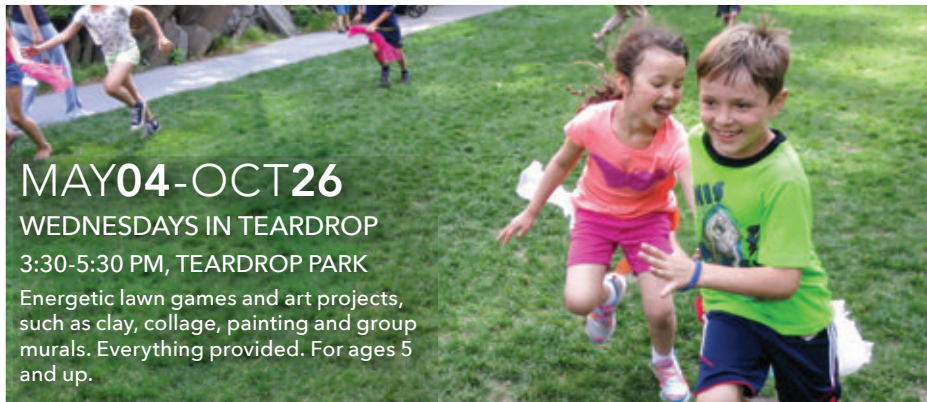
PLAY, LEARN & CREATE

MAY05-OCT27

**ART+GAMES
THURSDAYS**

3:30-5:30 PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK

Let your inner artist shine! Join other school-age children for fun, creative art activities. After completing your masterpiece, release that pent-up energy with organized lawn games like tag and tug-o-war. For ages 5 and up.



MAY04-OCT26

WEDNESDAYS IN TEARDROP

3:30-5:30 PM, TEARDROP PARK

Energetic lawn games and art projects, such as clay, collage, painting and group murals. Everything provided. For ages 5 and up.



MAY03-OCT25

**SOCCER FOR ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLERS**

TUESDAYS

AGES 5-7: 3:30-4:15 PM

AGES 8-11: 4:30-5:30 PM

ROCKEFELLER PARK

Start with the basics: learn to pass, shoot, dribble, and improve skills through fun drills and scrimmages. Whether you are new to the game or experienced on the pitch, everyone gets to play here. Closed-toe shoes required.

MAY02-OCT31

CHILDREN'S BASKETBALL

MONDAYS

AGES 5-6: 3:30-4:30 PM

AGES 7 & OLDER: 4:30-5:30 PM

ROCKEFELLER PARK

Perfect your jump shot, develop your on-court vision, and play! Adjustable height hoops for kids of all sizes, plus fun and challenging drills to improve your skills. Closed-toe shoes required. No program on 5/30, 7/4, 9/5, 10/10.

EXPLORE NATURE

FOR SCHOOL-AGE KIDS



MAY03-OCT25

GARDENING CLUB*

**TUESDAYS, 4-5 PM, ROCKEFELLER
CHILDREN'S GARDEN, \$130 PER
2-MONTH CYCLE**

For ages 6-10. Discover the fun and rewards of planting flowers, vegetables and herbs, plus watering, weeding, and composting. Learn BPC Parks' green practices first-hand. (Discounts given for 6-month sign-up.)

MAY04-SEPT28

DROP-IN CHESS

WEDNESDAYS

3:30-5 PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK

Play the popular strategy game while getting pointers and advice from an expert. Chess improves concentration, problem solving, and strategic planning – plus it's fun! For ages 5 and up (adults welcome).

MAY02-JUNE20

EXPLORERS' CLUB*

MONDAYS

\$240, 4-5:30 PM, 6 RIVER TERRACE

Collect plant specimens, track cloud patterns, and study interesting insects and birds in the parks of BPC. For 1st - 3rd graders. Offered spring and fall. No program on 5/30, 9/5, or 10/10.

* Pre-registration required, call 212-267-9700.



JUMP, RUN, CREATE, EXPLORE

MAY02-OCT31

PRESCHOOL PLAY

MONDAYS (EXCEPT 5/30, 7/4, 9/5, & 10/10), TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS

10 AM-12 PM, WAGNER PARK

Play is the cornerstone of early childhood development. Meet other toddlers, parents, and caregivers for interactive play on a grassy lawn. Sing and hear stories too! Carefully selected play equipment and toys are provided - plus water play! No program on 5/30, 7/4, 9/5, and 10/10.



MAY03-OCT25

**YOUNG SPROUTS GARDENING
TUESDAYS**

3:15-3:45 PM, ROCKFELLER PARK
NORTH LAWN

An introduction to organic gardening for children 3-5 years old with accompanying adults. Space is limited.

MAY05-OCT27

**PRESCHOOL ART
THURSDAYS**

10:30 AM-12 PM, ROCKEFELLER
PARK

Very young artists are introduced to paper, clay, paint, and everyday recyclable materials, transforming them into masterpieces of creativity and delight. Age-appropriate projects planned by an art educator/artist. Materials provided. Dress for a mess!

YOUNG ARTISTS' WORKSHOP: COLLAGE



MAY21

OUR RIVER!

SATURDAY

11 AM, ROCKEFELLER PARK

JUNE11

OUR PARKS!

SATURDAY

11 AM, ROCKEFELLER PARK

Collage is one of the most accessible art forms for young children since it involves skills they are starting to master: tearing, cutting, and gluing. Children ages 2 - 5 and parents/ caregivers help celebrate our neighboring river and parks with big, group collage murals- plus a piece to take home! A brief story and a look at collage inspired by nature will get things started.

MAY03-OCT25

SOCCER FOR PRESCHOOLERS
TUESDAYS

2:30-3:15 PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK

Time to get moving! Stretch out those little legs and have fun kicking, running, and learning the soccer basics with an emphasis on fun. Meet new friends while going through simple drills focusing on coordination and movement. For ages 3-4. Closed-toe shoes required.



MAY02-JUNE27

PARENT & BABY YOGA*
MONDAYS

1-2:15 PM OR 2:30-3:45 PM, \$180.

6 RIVER TERRACE

Enjoy yoga in a safe, supportive environment while learning postures and exercises specifically suited for new parents and babies – newborns through crawling. No class on 5/30.

* Pre-registration required, call 212-267-9700.

COMMUNITY CENTER AT STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL

The Community Center is an affordable and convenient resource for recreation, sports, swimming and fitness. Features include:

- Heated half Olympic-sized pool
- Weight and fitness room
- Two basketball courts
- Mirrored and barred dance studio
- Free programs including badminton, cardio swim, core fitness and boxing.
- Special event and party rentals



For more information, come to the Community Center, visit www.ccshts.org or email us at communitycenter@bpcparks.org

We look forward to seeing you!

JOIN CCSHS FOR FITNESS AND FUN!

Both annual memberships and day passes are available at low rates.



HOURS

MAY - JUNE

Monday - Friday, 7 pm - 9:45 pm
Saturday - Sunday, 1 pm - 8:45 pm

JULY - AUGUST

Monday - Friday, 3pm - 8:45pm
Saturday - Sunday, 1pm - 8:45pm

345 Chambers Street, Battery Park City
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BPC BALL FIELDS

Located at West Street between Murray & Warren Streets and open year round for group sports including softball, kickball, Ultimate Frisbee, lacrosse, football, and soccer. Although the majority of time is set aside for youth play, adults are also welcome. To apply for a Ball Fields Permit, please visit: www.bpcn.ny.gov/apply/permits.

HOURS*:

MAY 1 - JUNE 30

Monday - Friday: 10:30 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

JULY 1 - AUGUST 31

Monday - Friday - 8am - 9pm

Saturday & Sun - 9am - 9am

**Note: Hours are subject to weather conditions and other scheduled events*



6 RIVER TERRACE

Host your gathering, meeting or birthday celebration at 6 River Terrace. Enjoy this flexible space with street level access, abundant natural light and views of the park and the Hudson River. Rental fees start at \$600 for four hours of exclusive use of the 2000 sq. ft. venue. Tables, chairs, and mats for children and adults are provided. A kitchenette with refrigerator/freezer will keep the beverages, snacks and ice cream cold! An event coordinator will be on site throughout the rental. Toys are available for an additional fee.

For a tour and more information, please call (212) 267-9700 ext. 9363 or e-mail, 6riverterrace@bpcparks.org



DAILY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

AFTERNOON

PUBLIC ART TOUR

5/15: Tour: **The Real World**, 2 pm,
Rockefeller Park

PUBLIC ART TOUR AND WORKSHOP

6/5: **Pylons**, 2 pm, Wagner Park

MONDAY

MORNING

ART PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT SUMMER INTENSIVE FOR TEENS*

7/11-7/29: 10 am-4 pm, 6 River Terrace (\$)

PRESCHOOL PLAY

5/2-10/31 (except 5/30, 7/4, 9/5, 10/10):
10 am-noon, Wagner Park

AFTERNOON

PARENT & BABY YOGA*

5/2-6/27 (except 5/30): 1-2:15 pm or
2:30-3:45 pm, 6 River Terrace (\$)

CHILDREN'S BASKETBALL

5/2-10/31 (except 5/30, 7/4, 9/5, 10/10):
3:30-4:15 pm (age 5-6)
4:30-5:30 pm (age 7 & up)
Rockefeller Park

EXPLORERS' CLUB*

5/2-6/20 (except 5/30): 4-5:30 pm,
6 River Terrace (\$)

TUESDAY

MORNING

ART PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT SUMMER INTENSIVE FOR TEENS*

7/11-7/29: 10 am-4 pm, 6 River Terrace (\$)

PRESCHOOL PLAY

5/3-10/25: 10 am-12 pm, Wagner Park

AFTERNOON

SOCCER FOR PRESCHOOLERS

5/3-10/25: 2:30-3:15 pm (age 3-4)

SOCCER FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS

5/3-10/25:
3:30-4:15 pm (age 5-7)
4:30-5:30 pm (age 8-11)
Rockefeller Park

YOUNG SPROUTS GARDENING

5/3-10/25: 3:15-3:45 pm, Rockefeller Park

GARDENING CLUB*

5/3-10/25: 4-5 pm, Rockefeller Park (\$)

* Pre-registration required, call 212-267-9700. (\$) Fee

WEDNESDAY

MORNING

ART PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT
SUMMER INTENSIVE FOR TEENS*
7/11-7/29: 10 am-4 pm, 6 River Terrace (\$)

PRESCHOOL PLAY
5/4-10/26: 10 am-noon, Wagner Park

ELEMENTS OF NATURE DRAWING
5/4-10/26: 11 am-1 pm, Wagner Park

AFTERNOON

FIGURE AL FRESCO
5/4-10/26: 2:30-4:30 pm, South Cove

DROP-IN CHESS
5/4-9/28: 3:30-5 pm, Rockefeller Park

WEDNESDAYS IN TEARDROP
5/4-10/26: 3:30-5:30 pm, Teardrop Park

EVENING

SUNSET YOGA
5/4-9/28: 6-7 pm, Wagner Park

VOLLEYBALL AFTER WORK
6/1-9/28: 6-7:30 pm, Esplanade Plaza

NEW YORK CLASSICAL THEATRE
6/29: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 7 pm,
Rockefeller Park

THURSDAY

MORNING

ART PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT
SUMMER INTENSIVE FOR TEENS*
7/11-7/29: 10 am-4 pm, 6 River Terrace (\$)

PRESCHOOL ART
5/5-10/27: 10:30 am-noon, Rockefeller Park

AFTERNOON

ART + GAMES
5/5-10/27: 3:30-5:30 pm, Rockefeller Park

EVENING

NEW YORK CLASSICAL THEATRE
6/30: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 7 pm,
Rockefeller Park

RIVER & BLUES CONCERT SERIES
7-8:30 pm, Wagner park
7/7: **Amy Helm & The Handsome Strangers**
7/14: **Henry Butler & John Hammond**
7/21: **Robert Randolph & the Family Band**
7/28: **Daddy Long Legs**

FRIDAY

MORNING

TAI CHI
5/6-10/28 (except 5/27, 7/1, 9/2, 10/7):
8:30-9:30 am, Esplanade Plaza

ART PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT
SUMMER INTENSIVE FOR TEENS*
7/11-7/29: 10 am-4 pm, 6 River Terrace (\$)

EVENING

TEEN NIGHTS
5/6-6/17: 4-7 pm, 6 River Terrace

SWEDISH MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL
6/24: 5-8 pm, Wagner Park

SUNSET JAM ON THE HUDSON
7/8-8/26: 6:30-8 pm, Wagner Park

NEW YORK CLASSICAL THEATRE
7/1: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* 7 pm,
Rockefeller Park

SUNSET SINGING CIRCLE
5/6-6/17 (except 5/27): 7-8:30 pm,
Wagner Park

* Pre-registration required, call 212-267-9700. (\$) Fee

SATURDAY

MORNING

DRAWING IN THE PARK

5/7-10/29 (except 5/28, 7/2, 9/3, 10/8):
10 am-noon, South Cove

GO FISH! CATCH-&-RELEASE FISHING

5/14: 10 am-2 pm, Wagner Park

BIRD WATCHING AT GO FISH

5/14: 11 am, Wagner Park

STORIES FOR ALL AGES

11 am, Teardrop Park

5/7: **Laura Simms**

7/16: **April Armstrong**

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

7/9-8/27: 11 am-1 pm, BPC Ball Fields

YOUNG ARTISTS' WORKSHOP

5/21: 11 am, Our River!, Rockefeller Park

6/11: 11 am, Our Parks!, Rockefeller Park

AFTERNOON

GO FISH FAMILY CONCERT

12 pm, Wagner Park

5/14: Shine and the Moonbeams

SILENT SUMMER DANCE PARTY

8/6: 12-4pm, Rockefeller Park

HISTORY OF THE AMERICA'S CUP

5/7, 2pm, 6 River Terrace

EVENING

FAMILY DANCES

6:30-8 pm, Esplanade Plaza

5/21: Flamenco Dance with **Sonia Olla
& Ismael Fernandez**

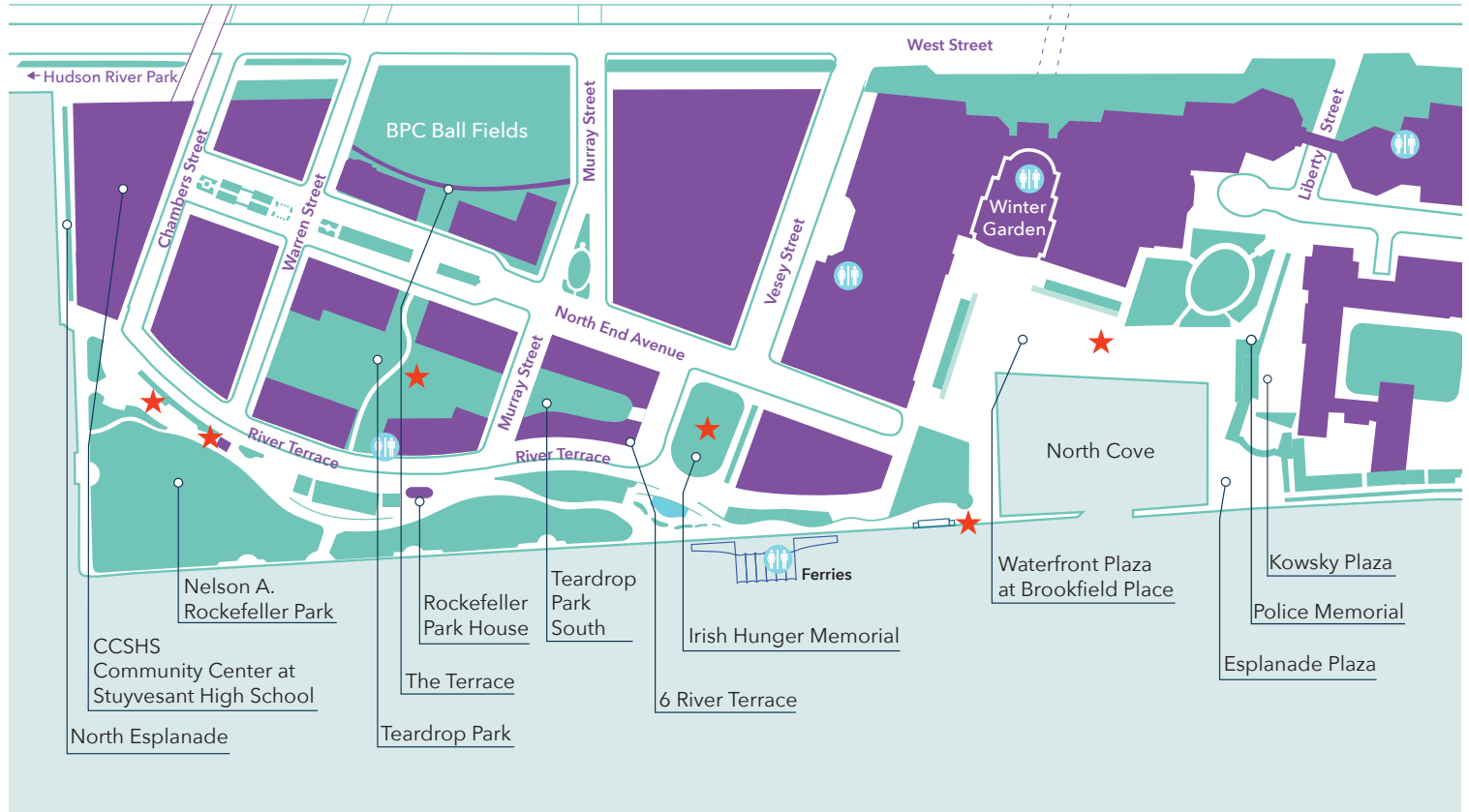
7/16: West African Dance with **Mane Kadang**

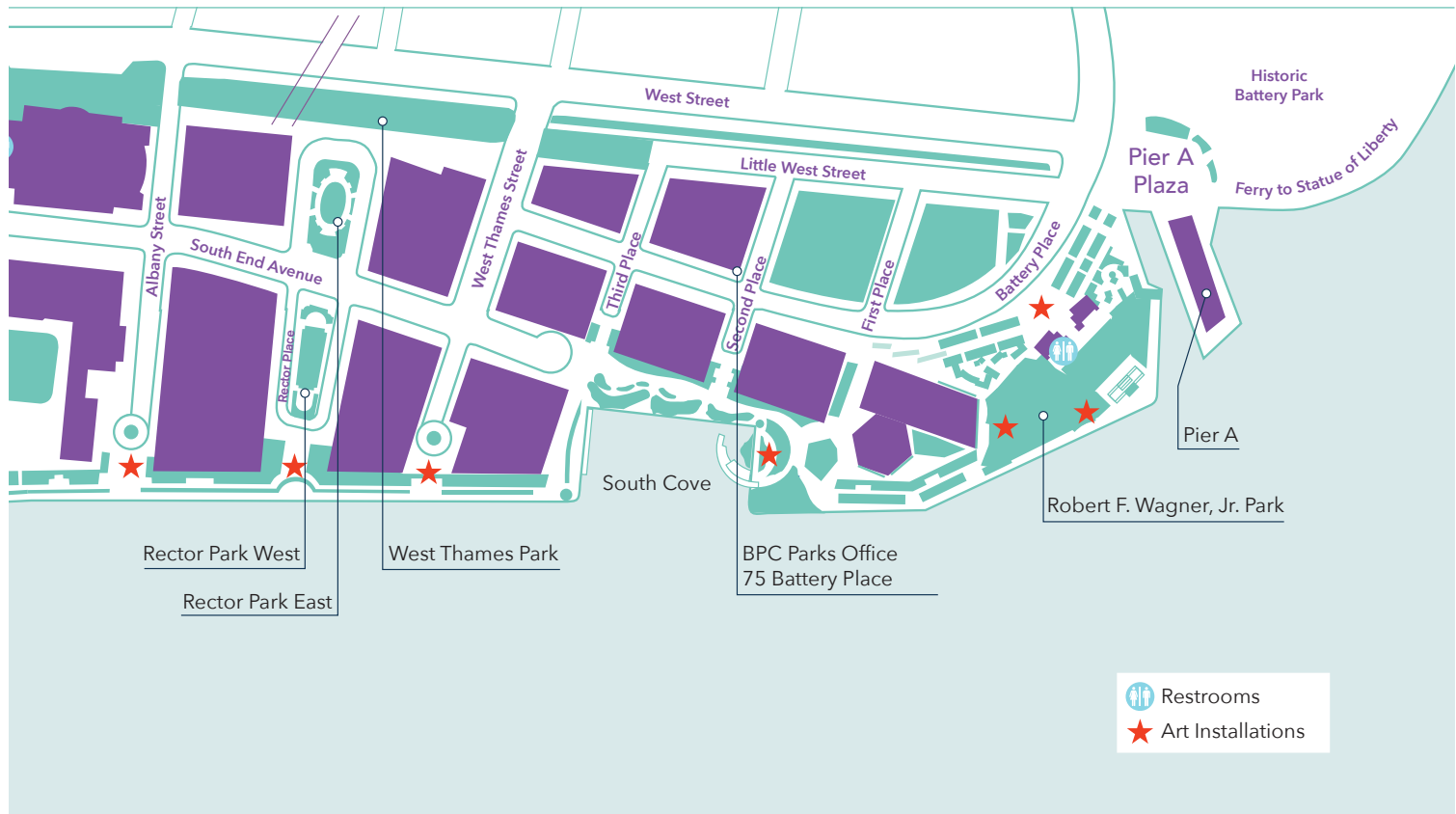
8/13: Brazilian Dance with **Liliana Araújo
and her band**

NEW YORK CLASSICAL THEATRE

7/2: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 7 pm,
Rockefeller Park

BATTERY PARK CITY MAP





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