

IMMIGRANT HISTORY WEEK 2005

Immigrant History Week, established by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in 2004, honors the experiences and contributions of immigrants in the City of New York. Immigrant History Week will be commemorated from April 12 to 18, 2005, encompassing April 17, the date in 1907 when more immigrants entered through Ellis Island than any other day in its history. Throughout the week, a dynamic menu of cultural activities including film festivals, theater performances, and photo exhibits will reflect the diversity and complexity of immigrant groups.

April 12th

Name of Event: *My Washington Heights: Exhibition and Panel Discussion*

Date of Event: Tuesday, April 12 2005

Location of Event: Museum of the City of New York/ 1220 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY 10029

Start Time of Event: 6:00 pm

Cost of Event: Reservations required. \$6 for Museum members, seniors and students; \$10 for non-members. Order tickets online at www.mcny.org/Calendar/prog.htm or by telephone at 212.534.1672, ext.3393.

Description of Event: The Museum kicks off the second annual **Immigrant History Week in New York** with a panel discussion and preview of the exhibition **Global New York: Washington Heights**, presented in collaboration with **Hunter College/CUNY** and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. **Guillermo Linares**, Commissioner, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and former City Councilmember representing Washington Heights; **Jennifer Raab**, President of Hunter College; and **Dr. Ruth Westheimer**, sex therapist and author; share their memories of Washington Heights in a conversation moderated by **Jack Salzman**, Distinguished Lecturer, Department of History at Hunter College.

Website: www.mcny.org

General Phone number: 212.534.1672

April 13th

Name of Event: *Masters of Indian Cinema*

Date of Event: April 8-14, 2005

Location of Event: The ImaginAsian, 239 East 59th Street (bet 2nd & 3rd Ave)

Cost of Event: Tickets available at The ImaginAsian box office on 239 East 59th Street (bet 2nd & 3rd Ave) or online at www.theimaginasian.com

Description of Event: Indo-American Arts Council presents Masters of Indian Cinema featuring films by Satyajit Ray, Mani Ratnam, Shyam Benegal, Aparna Sen, Mrinal Sen, Budhdev Das Gupta, Govind Nihilani. Opening Night film: Satyajit Ray's "Gopi Gayne Bagha Bayne" introduced by celebrated author Salman Rushdie. Masters of Indian Cinema intends to depict films - conceived and directed by filmmakers of vision - steeped in their own culture - completely engrossed in the experiences enveloping them and the world around them. This is the first time a film festival has ever celebrated these films in North America!

Website: www.iaac.us

General Phone number: 212.529.2347

Name of Event: *Our Nation in Time*

Date of Event: April 11 – 14 2005

Location of Event: National Park Service's Ellis Island Immigration Museum, Main Building, Ellis Island- meet at information desk

Cost of Event: No admission, free program. Ferry ticket from Battery Park or Liberty State Park: \$10 adults, \$4 for children 4 - 12

Start Time of Event: 1:00pm daily

Description of Event: National Park Service ranger-guided tour and interactive 90 minute program. A historical look at immigration through Ellis Island and its relation to contemporary immigration policy.

Website: www.nps.gov/stli

General Phone #: 212.363.3200 ext. 134

Name of Event: *Chinese Calligraphy accompanied by Harmonica Performance*

Date of Event: Wednesday, April 13 2005

Location of Event: Queens Council on the Arts, One Forest Park, Woodhaven, Queens

Start Time of Event: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Cost of Event: Free

Description of Event: Introducing Shu-Fa (calligraphy), an ancient art form of writing with a brush, an essential component of Chinese culture and history. With harmonica performance by artist Jai-Yi

Website: www.queenscouncilarts.org

General Phone #: 718.647.3377 ext. 17 (call to register/space is limited)

April 14th

Name of Event: *Ellis Island Revisited (photographs by Yuri Marder)*

Date of Event: Thursday, April 14 2005

Location of Event: International Center in New York, 50 West 23rd Street, 7th fl.

Start Time of Event: 6:00pm

Cost of Event: Free and open to the public

Description of Event: Yuri Marder, a NYFA scholar, will present a slide lecture from his Ellis Island series. The presentation will refer to the history of U.S. immigration, and encourage audience participation by linking the past with the immigrant experience of the present.

Website: www.intlcenter.org

General Phone #: 212.255.9555

Name of Event: *Master Class* by Terrence McNally

Date of Event: Thursday, April 14th, Friday, April 15th and Saturday, April 16th, at 8:00pm; Sunday at 2:00pm

Location of Event: Center Stage Community Playhouse Inc., 2474 Westchester Avenue, Bronx

Start Time of Event: see above

Cost of Event: \$15 general admission, \$10 students & seniors

Description of Event: *Master Class* is Terrence McNally's critically acclaimed homage to opera diva Maria Callas.

Website: www.centerstageplayhouse.org

General Phone #: 718.823.6434 (reservations)

April 15th

Name of Event: *Art Forum: Art, Power and Identity*

Date of Event: Friday, April 15 2005

Location of Event: 43-32 22nd Street, Suite (buzzer) 301 in Long Island City, between 43th Street and 44th Avenue, Subway E or V to 23rd Street, Ely Avenue.

Start Time of Event: 7:00pm

Cost of Event: This is a free event

Description of Event: *Art Forum* aims to create a space for New York artists from South Eastern Europe to share experiences and challenges integral to their artistic endeavors. This event will be moderated by Nadia Perucic and Peter Walsh

Website: www.balkansnet.org

General Phone number: 718.784.9121

Name of Event: *Angels*

Date of Event: Friday, April 15 2005

Location of Event: International Center in New York, 50 West 23rd Street, 7th fl.

Start Time of Event: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Cost of Event: Free and open to the public

Description of Event: an art exhibition showcasing the work of thirty immigrant artists, many of them from Latin America.

Website: www.intlcenter.org

General Phone #: 212.255.9555

Name of Event: *Greek Shadow Theatre (Karaghiozis)*

Date of Event: Friday, April 15 2005

Location of Event: Steinway, Queens Library

Start Time of Event: 6:30pm

Cost of Event: Free

Description of Event: Come enjoy a wonderful performance of a Greek play by Master Puppeteer Aris Diakovasilis and the Greek Cultural Center. Program in English and Greek.

Website: www.queenslibrary.org

General Phone #: 718.278.2220

April 16th

Name of Event: *Afghan Art & Film Festival*

Date of Event: April 9 & 10- Art Festival: 11am-7pm; reception: Saturday, April 9 @ 7pm

April 16 & 17- Film Festival: 11am-10pm; reception: Sunday, April 17 @ 5pm

Location of Event: Alwan for the Arts: 16 Beaver, 4th Floor – Lower Manhattan

Cost of Event: Art Festival: Free! / Film Festival: \$8 general admission, \$5 students & seniors; buy tickets at our website in advance or by calling our office

Description of Event: For the first time in North America, Afghan Communicator is showcasing a seven city tour of Afghan Arts & Film. Touring cities include: New York City, Boston, Northern Virginia, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Toronto (Canada)

Website: www.afghancommunicator.com

General Phone #: 718.445.6438

Name of Event: *Across Borders Concert*

Date of Event: Saturday, April 16 2005

Location of Event: Church of St. Monica, 413 East 79th Street

Start Time of Event: 7:30pm

Coast of Event: Free, donations accepted; \$5 suggested donation

Description of Event: This concert brings together singers of all ages and backgrounds to share music of other cultures

Website: www.ypc.org/workshops/acrossborders

General Phone #: 212.289.7779 ext. 11

Name of Event: *Walking Tour: Atlantic Avenue*

Date of Event: Saturday, April 16 2005

Location of Event: Meet at the NE corner of Atlantic Avenue and Hicks Street. (wear comfortable walking shoes)

Start Time of Event: 2:00pm

Cost of Event: Pre-paid reservations are required as availability is limited. All dates rain or shine. Sorry, no refunds. Members \$10, non-members \$15, children \$5. Fees do not include meals or refreshments. Call 718.222.4111, ext. 250.

Description of Event: Atlantic Avenue, rich with history and diversity, is facing major development plans that may significantly change its landscape, and the surrounding neighborhoods. In the midst of these proposed changes, advocates are seeking to preserve the remarkable diversity that has made this thoroughfare, stretching from downtown Brooklyn to the river, a citywide destination for shopping and dining. The tour will progress from the western end, defined by the Middle Eastern stores, restaurants, and storefront mosques, to the site (beyond Flatbush Avenue) of the proposed new sports arena.

Website: www.brooklynhistory.org

General Phone #: 718.222.4111

Name of Event: *Creative Arts Workshops for Kids (children)*

Date of Event: Saturday, April 16 2005

Location of Event: El Faro Beacon School in East Harlem (on 120th between 1st and 2nd Ave.)

Start Time of Event: 11:00am-4:00pm

Cost of Event: Free

Description of Event: In this workshop, children from East Harlem will use murals to explore their ethnicity, in particular what it means to be Latino. Children will work with adult volunteers to design and paint murals that will showcase their pride in their ethnicity and community. Please join us! New volunteers are always welcome! If you are interested in coming, please rsvp at: rsvp@caw4kids.org

Website: www.caw4kids.org

General Phone #: 646.424.0392

Name of Event: *Staten Island OutLOUD*

Date of Event: Saturday, April 16 2005

Location of Event: the Nature Center, 700 Rockland Avenue (corner Brielle Avenue)

Start Time of Event: 2:00pm

Cost of Event: The event is free and open to the public

Description of Event: A community reading of classic and contemporary Korean poetry. Staten Island OutLOUD is a grass-roots dialogue and performance project. Since September 2001, Staten Island OutLOUD has served over 8500 participants, and has presented over 120 free events (in 14 languages) throughout Staten Island's North Shore, mid-Island and South Shore.

Email: sioutloud@yahoo.com

General Phone #: 718.907.0709

Name of Event: *Accent on Asia: Asian Art in Performance; AHN Trio: AHN-Plugged*

Date of Event: Saturday, April 16 2005

Location of Event: LeFrak Concert Hall, Colden Center, Queens College

Start Time of Event: 3:00pm

Cost of Event: \$12 (no discounts)

Description of Event: Dedicated to reaching out to new audiences all over the world, these three classically trained Seoul sisters, better known as *The Ahn Trio*, have captured the intellect, hearts and souls of all who hear them. This performance of *Ahn-Plugged* is an innovative hour-long concert of contemporary music geared especially for families.

Box Office: Call the Colden Center Box Office at 718.793.8080 for information or to order tickets.

April 17th

Name of Event: *Panel Discussion: Working as a Traditional Mexican Artist in New York City*

Date of Event: Sunday, April 17 2005

Location of Event: Charles A. Dana Discovery Center at the Harlem Meer in Central Park

Start Time of Event: 2:00pm- 4:00pm

Cost of Event: Free (seating is limited)

Description of Event: A session on the challenges and rewards of presenting Mexican culture to New York audiences. Participants include: Aurelia Fernandez Marure, Visual Artist; Juan Castano, Dancer and Managing Director of Calpulli Mexican Dance Company; and Pablo and Santiago Javier, Norteno Musicians from *Suspenseo del Norte*. Emily Socolov, Project Director of Mano a Mano will moderate

Website: www.manoamano.us

General Phone #: 212.571.1555

Name of Event: *Greeks of the American Diaspora*

Date of Event: Sunday, April 17 2005

Location of Event: Greek Cultural Center, located at 27-18 Hoyt Avenue South in Astoria

Start Time of Event: 2:30pm-8:30pm

Cost of Event: Film and Music/Dance- Free; Theatre Presentation- \$15 (reservations required)

Description of Event: **Film Showings** (2:30-4:00): *Greeks and Americans*- 52 min. 2001. Documentary written and directed by Tassos Rigopoulos. Presents the course of Greek immigration to the US through a variety of interviews, photographs and motion clips. *Niko's Restaurant*- 22 min. 2001. Short film written and directed by Efterpi Charalambidis. **Rebetika Music and Dance** (4:15-5:15): A unique presentation of Rebetika Music "Tis Xenitias", including songs first recorded in the United States. Accompanied by the Greek Cultural Center's Dance Troupe led by instructor Panagiotis Konstantinidis. **Theatre Presentation** (6:00-8:30): The Theatre Group of the Greek Cultural Center presents the play "Trees Die Standing Tall", by Alejandro Casona, directed by Efterpi Charalambidis. Play presented in Greek.

Email: greekculturalcenter@rcn.com

General Phone #: 718.726.7329

Name of Event: *Ballet and Taiko Drumming*

Date of Event: Sunday, April 17 2005

Location of Event: TENRI Cultural Institute, 43A West 13th Street

Start Time of Event: 3:00pm

Cost of Event: \$15- general admission; \$10- students (w/ID) and seniors

Description of Event: A collaboration of Faune Dance Troupe, a Japanese dance company, and Hiro Kurasshima & Taiko Masala (Japanese drumming). With the support of TENRI Cultural Institute.

Website: www.faunedance.com or www.tenri.org

General Phone #: Box Office: 917.689.1899 or btd@faunedance.com

Name of Event: *My Many Layers (children)*

Date of Event: Sunday, April 17 2005

Location of Event: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Avenue

Start Time of Event: 3:00-4:30pm

Cost of Event: Free with Museum admission -\$4

Description of Event: Discover Matryoshka, traditional nesting dolls from Russia, listen to a Russian folk tale, and create a nesting doll that represents the layers your family's life.

Brooklyn Children's Museum

Website: www.brooklynkids.org

General Phone number: 718.735.4400

Name of Event: *From Home to Home: Jewish Immigration to America (children)*

Date of Event: Sunday, April 17 2005

Location of Event: 515 West 20th Street, 4E

Start Time of Event: 2:00-5:00pm

Cost of Event: \$5 per person, includes admission to exhibitions and arts and crafts projects

Description of Event: Solve puzzles to understand why Jews left their countries of origin; Listen to a family discussing the Nuremberg laws; Create letters and artwork depicting America; Pack a small trunk deciding what to take along; Shop in a supermarket decoding an unfamiliar language; Design a neighborhood; Dress up immigrant children and re-design familiar items to reflect the influence of immigrants on American Society.

Join us in the exhibition where we will be celebrating *Immigrant History Week 2005* with a treasure hunt!

Website: www.jllcm.com

General Phone #: 212.924.4500

April 18th

Name of Event: *Indian Folk Dance*

Date of Event: Monday, April 18 2005

Location of Event: Flushing Library

Start Time of Event: 6:00pm

Cost of Event: Free

Description of Event: An enchanting evening of classical and folk Indian Dance by members of Abha Bhatnagar Roy

Website: www.queenslibrary.org

General Phone #: 718.661.1200

Name of Event: *Guest Lecture: author Russell Shorto*

Date of Event: Monday, April 18 2005

Location of Event: Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY

Start Time of Event: 6:00pm

Cost of Event: \$8 (proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Browne House Historical Society)

Description of Event: Russell Shorto discusses his groundbreaking work *Island at the Center of the World*, a comprehensive narrative of Manhattan's founding that gives a startling, fresh perspective on how America began.

Website: www.flushingtownhall.org

General Phone #: 718.463.7700

Ongoing Events During IHW 2005

Name of Event: *seven.11.2005*

Date of Event: Friday, April 1 through Monday April 18

Location of Event: The Tenement Theatre, 97 Orchard Street (corner of Broome St.)

Start Time of Event: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday at 8:00pm; Sunday matinee at 3:00pm (American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreted Performance on April 10th)

Cost of Event: \$15 for adults, \$11 for students and seniors, \$10 for Museum members/ Reservations:

www.ticketweb.com or 800.965.4827

Description of Event: A series of seven 11-minute plays set in a convenience store that challenge traditional stereotypes of Asians as immigrant convenience store employees or "model minorities", to explore the diversity of Asian American cultures and experiences

Website: www.tenement.org

General Phone number: 212.431.0233

Name of Event: *Contemporary Art Exhibitions at Longwood Art Gallery*

Date of Event: ongoing through May 18, 2005

Location of Event: Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (Hostos Community College / CUNY)

Start Time of Event: Monday through Saturday, 10:00am to 6:00pm

Cost of Event: Free

Description of Event: *Can I Get A Witness:* A group exhibition of contemporary artists of varied ancestry. *En Foco's New Works Photography Awards:* En Foco is a non-profit organization whose commitment to photography brings you outstanding work by American photographers of African, Asian, Latino and Pacific Islander heritage.

Website: www.longwoodcyber.org

General Phone #: 718.518.6728

Name of Event: *40 Years of Chinese Immigrants in Queens*

Date of Event: Ongoing through September 4, 2005

Location of Event: Queens Historical Society, Flushing headquarters, Kingsland Homestead, located at 143-35 37th Avenue (between Parsons Blvd. and Bowne St.)

Start Time of Event: Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Cost of Event: \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors

Description of Event: The exhibition explores aspects of the historical conditions framing the lives of Chinese immigrants to Queens.

Website: www.QueensHistoricalSociety.org

General Phone #: 718.939.0647

Name of Event: *Dualism in America (contemporary art instillation)*

Date of Event: ongoing

Location of Event: The storefront windows of 97 Orchard Street (between Broome and Delancey Streets)

Start Time of Event: Always of view from the street

Cost of Event: Free

Description of Event: This work contrasts the ideal "American Dream" with the reality of immigrant life in the United States. It examines American consumer culture from the perspective of recent immigrants living on the Lower East Side.

Website: www.tenement.org

General Phone #: 212.431.0233

Name of Event: *Crossing the BLVD*

Date of Event: April 7th – April 21st

Location of Event: St. John's University Library in Jamaica, Queens (8000 Utopia Pkwy)

Start Time of Event: Library Hours

Cost of Event: Free to public

Description of Event: EarSay's *Crossing the BLVD* Mobile Story Booth is an interactive kiosk where participants can enter and visually document their own immigrant stories. Stories can also be entered on the interactive website:

<http://www.crossingtheblvd.org>

Website: www.QueensMuseum.org

General Phone #: 718.592.9700

Name of Event: *Group Art Exhibition by artists from Former Yugoslavia*

Date of Event: April 8 – 29, 2005

Location of Event: 43-32 22nd Street, Suite (buzzer) 301 in Long Island City, between 43th Street and 44th Avenue, Subway E or V to 23rd Street, Ely Avenue.

Start Time of Event: ?

Cost of Event: Free

Description of Event: Artwork by Ivan Stojakovic, Milan Bosnic, Michael Milunovic and Tanja Dabo

Website: www.balkansnet.org

General Phone #: 718.784.9121

Name of Event: Museum of Chinese in the Americas

Date of Event: Ongoing

Location of Event: Museum of Chinese in the Americas, 70 Mulberry Street, 2nd Floor

Start Time of Event: Tuesday-Sunday, 12 noon-7pm

Cost of Event: \$3 adults, \$1 seniors/students, Free for children under 12 and MoCA members. Free/Fridays.

Description of Event: *Have You Eaten Yet? The Chinese Restaurant in America-* MoCA takes a historical look at an influential site of Chinese American life- the Chinese restaurant; *Mapping Our Heritage Project-* a pioneering three-dimensional, interactive map of New York's "Old Chinatown" district that will serve as a national model for how technology can be applied to a neighborhood's cultural and historical preservation; *Where is Home? Chinese in the Americas-* This exhibition weaves artists' creations and historical interpretation with original documentation to fully explore the Chinese experience in the Western Hemisphere.

Website: www.moca-nyc.org

General Phone number: 212.619.4785

Related Events Later in the Week

Name of Event: *The New York African Film Festival*

Date of Event: April 20-28, 2005

Location of Event: Lincoln Center, Walter Reade Theater; by subway: take the 1 or 9 to 66th Street stop.

Start Time of Event: various times

Cost of Event: \$10 General admission, \$7 Full-time students w/ valid ID, \$6 Film Society of Lincoln Center members

Description of Event: The 12th edition of the *New York Film Festival* will include multiple screenings of about 25 films from the African Continent. Several filmmakers will be present to introduce their work.

Website: www.africanfilmny.org

General Phone number: 212.352.1720 (AFF)/212.875.5600 (Box Office)