

IMMIGRANT



HISTORY WEEK

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 the city's 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY APRIL 12

MY WASHINGTON HEIGHTS: EXHIBITION AND PANEL DISCUSSION

LOCATION OF EVENT: Museum of the City of New York, 1220 Fifth Ave., Manhattan
TIME: 6 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: Reservations required. \$6 for Museum members, seniors and students; \$10 for non-members. Purchase tickets online at www.mcny.org/Calendar/prog.htm or by telephone at (212) 534-1672, ext. 3393.
DESCRIPTION: 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. Join Guillermo Linares, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; Jennifer Raab, President of Hunter College; and Dr. Ruth Westheimer, sex therapist and author as they 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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY ACCOMPANIED BY HARMONICA PERFORMANCE

LOCATION OF EVENT: Queens Council on the Arts, One Forest Park, Woodhaven, Queens
TIME: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: Free. Call to register. Space is limited.
DESCRIPTION: 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 Jia-Yi He.
WEBSITE: www.queenscouncilarts.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 647-3377 ext. 17. Call to register. Space is limited.

THURSDAY APRIL 14

ELLIS ISLAND REVISITED: PHOTOGRAPHS BY YURI MARDER

LOCATION OF EVENT: International Center in New York, 50 West 23rd St., 7th fl., Manhattan
TIME: 6 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: Free
DESCRIPTION: Yuri Marder, a NYFA (New York Foundation for the Arts) 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 NUMBER: (212) 255-9555

ONGOING EVENTS DURING IHW 2005

SEVEN.11.2005 THEATRE PERFORMANCE

RUN DATES: Friday, April 1 through Monday, April 18
LOCATION OF EVENT: The Tenement Theatre, 97 Orchard St. (near Broome St.), Manhattan
TIME: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 3:00 p.m. (American Sign Language Interpreted Performance on April 10th)
COST OF EVENT: \$15 for adults, \$11 for students and seniors, \$10 for Museum members. Reserve tickets online at www.ticketweb.com or call 800-965-4827.
DESCRIPTION: A series of seven 11-minute plays set in a convenience store that challenges traditional stereotypes of Asian Americans 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

MASTERS OF INDIAN CINEMA (FILM FESTIVAL)

RUN DATES: April 8 – April 14
LOCATION OF EVENT: The ImaginAsian, 239 E. 59th St., Manhattan
TIME: Visit the box office at 239 E. 59th St. or check www.theimaginAsian.com for show times and prices
DESCRIPTION: Indo-American Arts Council presents Masters of Indian Cinema celebrating alternate Indian films by some of India's foremost directors. 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

AFGHAN ART & FILM FESTIVAL

RUN DATES: Art Festival – Saturday, April 9 & Sunday, April 10, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Art Festival Reception – Saturday, April 9, 7 p.m.; Film Festival – Saturday, April 16 & Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Film Festival Reception – Sunday, April 17, 5 p.m.
LOCATION OF EVENT: Alwan for the Arts: 16 Beaver St., 4th Floor, Manhattan
COST OF EVENT: Art Festival: Free / Film Festival: \$8 general admission, \$5 students & seniors; purchase tickets online at afghancommunicator.com in advance or by calling 718-445-6438.

FRIDAY APRIL 15

ART FORUM: ART, POWER AND IDENTITY – A PANEL DISCUSSION

LOCATION OF EVENT: 43-32 22nd St., Suite 301, (between 43rd St. and 44th Ave.), Long Island City, Queens.
TIME: 7 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: This event is free and open to the public
DESCRIPTION: Art Forum, hosted by RACCOON (Reconciliation And Culture Cooperative Network), explores the experiences and challenges integral to the artistic endeavors of New York artists from Southeastern Europe. Moderated by Nadia Perucic and Peter Walsh.
WEBSITE: www.raccoon.balkansnet.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 784-9121

ANGELS, AN ART EXHIBIT

LOCATION OF EVENT: International Center in New York, 50 West 23rd St., 7th fl., Manhattan
TIME: 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: Free
DESCRIPTION: Angels showcases the work of 30 immigrant artists, many of them from Latin America. The Angel-themed art show is curated and created by the members of our international community: immigrants, U.S. citizens, refugees, international students and others.
WEBSITE: www.intlcenter.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (212) 255-9555

SATURDAY APRIL 16

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHORUS OF NEW YORK CITY ACROSS BORDERS CONCERT

LOCATION OF EVENT: Church of St. Monica, 413 East 79th St., Manhattan
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: \$5 suggested donation
DESCRIPTION: Singers of all ages and backgrounds share music of different cultures.
WEBSITE: www.ypc.org/concerts/festworkshop2.html
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (212) 289-7779, ext. 11

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS (THIS EVENT IS FOR CHILDREN)

LOCATION OF EVENT: El Faro Beacon School in East Harlem, 120th St. (between 1st and 2nd Ave.), Manhattan
TIME: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: Free
DESCRIPTION: 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. RSVP to: rsvp@caw4kids.org
WEBSITE: www.caw4kids.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (646) 424-0392

DESCRIPTION: For the first time in North America, Afghan Communicator is showcasing a seven city tour of Afghan Arts & Film. Touring locations include: New York City, Boston, Northern Virginia, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Toronto (Canada)
WEBSITE: www.afghancommunicator.com
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 445-6438

OUR NATION IN TIME, A TOUR AND INTERACTIVE PROGRAM

RUN DATES: Monday, April 11 – Thursday, April 14
LOCATION OF EVENT: National Park Service's Ellis Island Immigration Museum, Main Building, Ellis Island. Meet at Information Desk.
COST OF EVENT: Free. Ferry ticket from Battery Park or Liberty State Park: \$10 adults, \$4 for children 4 - 12
TIME: 1 p.m. daily
DESCRIPTION: This National Park Service ranger-guided tour and interactive 90-minute program will present a historical look at immigration through Ellis Island and its relation to contemporary immigration policy.
WEBSITE: www.nps.gov/stli
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (212) 363-3200 ext. 134

CONTEMPORARY ART EXHIBITIONS AT LONGWOOD ART GALLERY

RUN DATES: ongoing through May 18
LOCATION OF EVENT: Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College / CUNY — 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street, Bronx
TIME: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed Sundays
COST OF EVENT: Free
DESCRIPTION: Longwood Art Gallery presents two exhibitions: Can I Get A Witness, A group exhibition of contemporary artists of varied ancestry and En Foco's New Works Photography Awards.
WEBSITE: www.longwoodcyber.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 518-6728

STATEN ISLAND OUTLOUD, A POETRY READING

LOCATION OF EVENT: The Nature Center, 700 Rockland Ave., Staten Island
TIME: 2 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: Free
DESCRIPTION: Staten Island OutLOUD, a grassroots dialogue and performance project, presents a community reading of classic and contemporary Korean poetry.
E-MAIL: sioutloud@yahoo.com
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 907-0709

ASIAN ART IN PERFORMANCE; AHN TRIO: AHN-PLUGGED

LOCATION OF EVENT: LeFrak Concert Hall, Colden Center, Queens College, Queens, at 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing
TIME: 3 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: \$12; purchase tickets through the box office at 718-793-8080.
DESCRIPTION: These three classically trained pianists from Seoul, better known as The Ahn Trio, have captured the intellect, hearts and souls of all who hear them.
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 793-8080

SUNDAY APRIL 17

PANEL DISCUSSION: WORKING AS A TRADITIONAL MEXICAN ARTIST IN NEW YORK CITY

LOCATION OF EVENT: Charles A. Dana Discovery Center at the Harlem Meer, Center for Traditional Music and Dance, 36 West 110th Street, Manhattan
TIME: 2-4 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: Free (seating is limited)
DESCRIPTION: A panel discussion on the challenges and rewards of presenting Mexican culture to New York audiences. Participants include: Aurelia Fernandez Marure, visual artist; Juan Castaño de Calpulli Mexican Dance Company; and Pablo and Santiago Javier of Suspenso del Norte; and moderator.
WEBSITE: www.manoamano.us
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (212) 571-1555

GREEKS OF THE AMERICAN DIASPORA (FILM, MUSIC & DANCE, AND THEATRE)

LOCATION OF EVENT: Greek Cultural Center, 27-18 Hoyt Ave. South, Astoria, Queens
TIME: 2:30-8:30 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: Film, music and dance – Free; Theatre Presentation – \$15 (reservations required)
DESCRIPTION: Film Showings (2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.): Greeks and Americans, a documentary written and directed by Tassos Rigopoulos, presents the course of Greek immigration to the United States. Niko's Restaurant by Efterpi Charalambidis. Rebetika Music and Dance (4:15 – 5:15 pm): This unique presentation of Rebetika Music "Tis Xenitias," includes songs first recorded in the United States with Antonis Tsimounis on Bouzouki and Areti Giovanou on piano accompanied by the Greek Cultural Center's Dance Troupe. Theatre Presentation (6 – 8:30 p.m.): "Trees Die Standing Tall" by Alejandro Casona and directed by Efterpi Charalambidis. Play will be presented in Greek.
E-MAIL: greekculturalcenter@rcn.com
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 726-7329

40 YEARS OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS IN QUEENS, AN ART EXHIBIT

RUN DATES: Ongoing through September 4
LOCATION OF EVENT: Queens Historical Society, 143-35 37th Ave., Queens
TIME: Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors
DESCRIPTION: The exhibition explores aspects of the historical conditions framing the lives of Chinese immigrants to Queens through photographs, costumes, paintings, objects and ephemera.
WEBSITE: www.QueensHistoricalSociety.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 939-0647

CROSSING THE BLVD (INTERACTIVE PROGRAM)

RUN DATES: April 7 – April 21
LOCATION OF EVENT: St. John's University Library, 8000 Utopia Pkwy, Jamaica, Queens
TIME: Library Hours: Monday- Thursday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 12 to 8 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: Free
DESCRIPTION: EarSay's Crossing the BLVD Mobile Story Booth is an interactive kiosk where participants can enter and visually document their own immigrant stories.
WEBSITE: www.QueensMuseum.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 592-9700

MUSEUM OF CHINESE IN THE AMERICAS EXHIBITIONS

RUN DATES: Ongoing
LOCATION OF EVENT: Museum of Chinese in the Americas (MoCA), 70 Mulberry St., 2nd Floor, Manhattan

BALLET AND TAIKO DRUMS

LOCATION OF EVENT: Tenri Cultural Institute, 43A West 13th St. (between 6th and 5th Ave.), Manhattan
TIME: 3 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: \$15 general admission; \$10 students (w/ID) and seniors
DESCRIPTION: This performance is a collaboration of Faune Dance Troupe, a Japanese ballet company, and Hiro Kurashima & Taiko Masala (Japanese drumming) with the support of Tenri Cultural Institute.
WEBSITE: www.fauunedance.com or www.tenri.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: Box Office: (917) 689-1899 or email: btd@fauunedance.com

MY MANY LAYERS (CHILDREN'S PROGRAM)

LOCATION OF EVENT: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave., Brooklyn
TIME: 3-4:30 p.m.
DESCRIPTION: Listen to a traditional Russian folk tale, and create your own nesting doll that represents the layers of your family's life.
WEBSITE: www.brooklynkids.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 735-4400

FROM HOME TO HOME: JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA (CHILDREN'S INTERACTIVE EXHIBITIONS)

LOCATION OF EVENT: Children's Galleries for Jewish Culture, 515 West 20th St., 4E, Manhattan
TIME: 2-5 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: \$5 per person, includes admission to exhibitions and arts and crafts projects
DESCRIPTION: 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. Celebrate Immigrant History Week 2005 with a treasure hunt!
WEBSITE: www.jclcm.com
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (212) 924-4500

MONDAY APRIL 18

INDIAN FOLK DANCE

LOCATION OF EVENT: Queens Library, Flushing Branch, 41-17 Main Street, Flushing
TIME: 6 p.m.
COST OF EVENT: Free
DESCRIPTION: An enchanting evening of classical and folk Indian Dance by members of Abha Bhatnagar Roy dance company. Roy and her group will perform dances based on storytelling and accompanied by live music.
WEBSITE: www.queenslibrary.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (718) 661-1200

TIME: 12-7 p.m. (closed Mondays)
COST OF EVENT: \$3 adults, \$1 seniors/students, Free for children under 12 and Museum members. Free Fridays.
DESCRIPTION: 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.
WEBSITE: www.moca-nyc.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (212) 619-4785

RELATED EVENTS LATER IN THE WEEK

THE NEW YORK AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL

RUN DATES: Wednesday, April 20 – Thursday, April 28
LOCATION OF EVENT: Lincoln Center, Walter Reade Theater, on the north side of West 65th Street, between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue.
TIME: Various times; see website or call for more information.
COST OF EVENT: \$10 general admission, \$7 full-time students w/ valid ID, \$6 Film Society of Lincoln Center members
DESCRIPTION: The 12th edition of the New York African Film Festival will include multiple screenings of 25 films from Africa.
WEBSITE: www.africanfilmny.org
GENERAL PHONE NUMBER: (212) 352-1720 (AFF), (212) 875-5600 (Box Office)

