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FREE OUTDOOR SUMMER EVENT SERIES TO BE HELD AT NEW YORK CITY'S PREMIERE WATERFRONT VENUE

***-- Free concerts, movies, boxing, and dancing events highlight the 2009
"Take Me to the River" celebration at Hudson River Park--***

New York, NY April 15, 2009: For the 17th consecutive year, Hudson River Park -- New York's premiere waterfront venue -- will sponsor a free outdoor summer event series. The "Take Me to the River" celebration will include FREE concerts, movies, dancing, boxing, fishing, family workshops and more!

This summer visitors can expect free outdoor fun almost every day of the week at Hudson River Park, the 550-acre riverfront park that stretches from Battery Place up to W. 59th Street. Hudson River Park's annual "Take Me to the River" celebration has something for everyone: food aficionados can spend a Sunday getting a taste of NYC's best BBQ; hipsters and rock fans can listen to some of the hottest bands in town; and families can stop in for a RiverFlicks movie while lovers stroll along the Hudson waiting for the perfect sunset. And all of New York can join in the 400th anniversary celebration of Henry Hudson's first voyage up the mighty river that now bears his name.

Below Please Find Hudson River Park's Full Spring/Summer Calendar:

For Further Information Please Visit: www.hudsonriverpark.org

Or call the info line: **212-627-2121**

Sunset on the Hudson

Relax on the grass as the mellow sounds of Guitar Man David Ippolito provide the soundtrack to the stunning summer sunset.

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 45

Christopher Street and the Hudson River – Greenwich Village

Fridays, June 5th – August 21st

7:00 – 9:00PM

Every Friday from June 5th through August 21st, enjoy the gorgeous sunset and mellow sounds of New York's acclaimed Guitar Man David Ippolito from this spectacular grass covered pier that stretches 900 feet into the majestic Hudson River.

Stars of Tomorrow

See Tomorrow's Jazz and Classical Superstars – Today!

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 45

Christopher Street and the Hudson River – Greenwich Village

Tuesdays, June 2nd – August 18th

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Enjoy music from Bach to Bebop on Tuesday nights, as students from both the *New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music* and *Mannes College The New School for Music* perform on one of Hudson River Park's most beautiful piers. Performances begin on June 2nd.

RiverRocks

New York City Favorites at a One of a Kind Waterfront Venue.

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 54

West 14th Street and the Hudson River - Meatpacking District

6:00 – 10:00 PM

www.riverrocksnyc.com

On the waterfront, right in the heart of New York City's Meatpacking District, Hudson River Park's signature concert series is the place to be this summer! With exciting bands and fantastic views in all directions, RiverRocks is certain to create a memorable and rockin' summer night!

Thursday
July 9th

RiverRocks

Synth-tastic dance punk pumps up Pier 54

Headliner - Matt & Kim

Brooklyn's own synth-and-drums dance punk duo comes to Manhattan to get things movin' and shakin' on the river! Touring almost non-stop since the release of their self-titled 2006 debut, they somehow found time to record the recently released "Grand". The duo's legendary live concerts are something to experience!

Flosstradamus

Chicago DJ duo Flosstradamus (comprised of DJ's J2K and Autobot) has been dominating the party scene nationwide with their tag-team DJ sets. They have performed at high-profile festivals throughout the nation: Coachella, Pitchfork Music Festival, Rothbury Music Festival, Lollapalooza, and South by Southwest.

Thursday
July 23rd

RiverRocks

Veteran indie band rocks the river!

Headliner – Ted Leo and the Pharmacists

Ted Leo's 8th consecutive summer of playing free outdoor shows in NYC! With a work ethic and a commitment to touring bordering on maniacal, Ted Leo can frequently be found pouring his heart and soul into his legendary live performances. Ted recently supported Pearl Jam on the North-East run of their 2008 summer tour.

Thursday
August 13th

RiverRocks

Experimental rock music for the brain

Headliner – Yeasayer

Local favorite Yeasayer brings their self styled "Middle Eastern-psych-snap-gospel" to Pier 54. Pulling from every spectrum of music and mashing, then re-mashing, Yeasayer has bent genres until they've become unrecognizable. The Brooklyn-based band manages to make experimentalism playful rather than pretentious by harnessing tricky world-music influences.

For more info, check out the RiverRocks website at www.riverrocksnyc.com

Rumble on the River

Powered by Boost

Outdoor Boxing in the shadow of the Intrepid.

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 84

West 44th Street and the Hudson River

Thursday, July 30th (rain date July 31st)

7:00 – 10:00 PM

In the shadow of the Intrepid, one of Hudson River Park's most exciting events returns to Pier 84. As the sun sets, the action rises, when amateur boxers from the New York area compete in the square circle. This event is produced in conjunction with Church Street Gym. Event is free and open to the public with special ticketed VIP ringside seating also available. VIP tickets go on sale June 15th at www.fridaynightfightsnyc.com/tickets.php

Blues BBQ Festival

Amazing Blues + NYC's Best BBQ = the 10th Annual Blues BBQ Festival!

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 54

West 14th Street and the Hudson River – Meatpacking District

Sunday, August 23rd

2:00 – 9:00 PM

Back for the 10th year, Hudson River Park's annual Blues BBQ Festival brings the best Blues bands from across the country together with the finest New York City BBQ restaurants for a fantastic summer day on the river. This year's acts will include Eden Brent, Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater, Diunna Greenleaf, the Homemade Jamz Blues Band and Michael Burks. This feast for your senses brings you the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a true southern BBQ experience!

MoonDance

Dance the Night Away Under the Stars

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 54

West 14th Street and the Hudson River – Meatpacking District

Sundays, July 12th – August 9th

5 Sundays

6:30 – 10:00 PM

Whether you've been dancing for years, or want to learn how to boogie like a pro, Hudson River Park's MoonDance is your chance to strut your stuff under the stars! Free lessons from Dance Manhattan begin the evening, before New York City's favorite dance bands perform. MoonDance takes place Sunday evenings on Hudson River Park's Pier 54 - no experience necessary. Featured styles include swing, tango and salsa. Free dance lessons begin at 6:30 pm courtesy of Dance Manhattan. Live bands go on at 7pm!

July 12 - George Gee Big Band (Swing)

July 19 - Hector Del Curto's Eternal Tango Orchestra (Tango)

July 26 - Los Hermanos Colón (Salsa)

Aug 2 - Nu Guajiro (Salsa)

Aug 9 - David Berger Jazz Orchestra (Swing)

RiverFlicks – Two Nights – Two Piers – Two Themes

Enjoy all-time favorite movies outdoors along the Hudson!

Wednesday evenings at Hudson River Park's Pier 54: Specially Themed Movie Series Geared towards Adults – Films are rated PG-13 and R

Friday evenings on Hudson River Park's Pier 46: Family oriented movies suitable for all ages - Films are rated G or PG.

Movies begin at dusk (generally around 8:30 pm.)

Complimentary popcorn. Beverages and snacks available for purchase.

RiverFlicks for Grown-Ups

Theme: I Know What You Saw Last Summer!

Watch all of your favorite blockbusters from 2008 on the big screen, again! This time around, they're all FREE and out under the stars. From superheroes to gossiping gals, Hudson River Park's RiverFlicks has all of last year's favorite summer hits!

Outdoor Movie Series Geared towards Adults - Films are rated PG-13 and R

Sponsored by amNew York.

Hudson River Park's Pier 54

West 14th Street and the Hudson River – Meatpacking District

Wednesdays, July 8th – August 19th

Movies begin at dusk (generally around 8:30 pm)

Movies are rated PG-13 and R

- July 8th **Iron Man – Robert Downey Jr. brings the man of metal to life! See Tony Stark create his legendary power armor, and battle Obadiah Stane in his own version of the Iron Man suit!**
Rated PG-13
- July 15th **Vicky Cristina Barcelona – Woody Allen’s latest film puts Javier Bardem in between Scarlett Johansson, Rebecca Hall and Oscar Winner Penélope Cruz in a very unique relationship.**
Rated PG-13
- July 22nd **The Dark Knight – Oscar Winner Heath Ledger’s final masterpiece pits his frightening Joker against Christian Bale’s snarling Batman, in this dark, and fierce Gotham adventure.**
Rated PG-13
- July 29th **Hancock – Will Smith seeks both public approval, and the source of his mysterious abilities.**
Rated PG-13
- August 5th **Tropic Thunder – Ben Stiller leads an all-star cast of actors (including the Oscar-nominated Robert Downey Jr.) portraying actors, portraying soldiers, who in turn, are forced to act like actual soldiers.**
Rated R
- August 12th **Sex and the City: The Movie – The girls are back! The screen is bigger, the love is bigger, the heartbreak is bigger, the closets are bigger and Mr. Big is bigger.**
Rated R
- August 19th **Pineapple Express – When Seth Rogan’s stoner character Dale Denton accidentally witnesses a murder, he must join up with James Franco’s Saul Silver to attempt to out-run and out-wit the menacing drug Kingpin who wants him dead. Yeah, it’s a comedy.**
Rated R

RiverFlicks for kids

Theme: Family Favorites

Join us at Hudson River Park's Pier 46 as we screen new and classic films for the whole family!

Outdoor Movie Series features family oriented movies suitable for all ages - Films are rated G & PG.

Hudson River Park's Pier 46

Charles Street (just north of Christopher Street) and the Hudson River – Greenwich Village

Fridays, July 11th – August 22nd

Movies begin at dusk (generally around 8:30 pm)

Movies rated G and PG

- July 10th **The Wizard of OZ – Follow Dorothy as she meets new friends the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion as they travel down the Yellow Brick Road in search of the great and powerful OZ!**
Rated G
- July 17th **Kung Fu Panda – Join the adventure as Po the Panda (Jack Black) trains with the Furious Five to be the Kung-Fu hero he is destined to become!**
Rated PG
- July 24th **Ghostbusters – Doctors Peter Venkman, Ray Stantz and Egon Spengler join together to save Manhattan from a 100ft marshmallow man in this 1984 classic.**
Rated PG
- July 31st **Star Wars: The Clone Wars – Set in the time between episodes II & III in the Star Wars saga; Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker fight to keep the republic together against formidable odds.**
Rated PG

- August 7th **The Muppet Movie – Kermit the Frog heads to Hollywood to make it big! Along the way he meets up with new friends Fozzie Bear, Gonzo, Miss Piggy, and rock band Electric Mayhem. All the while avoiding the nefarious Doc Hopper who wants to use Kermit’s legs as an entrée at his French-fried frog legs restaurants!**
Rated G
- August 14th **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa – Our furry friends from the Central Park Zoo crash land in Africa!**
Rated PG
- August 21st **Curious George – The Man in the Yellow Hat (Will Ferrell) tries to keep George from running out of control; but George is a very curious monkey...**
Rated G

Big City Fishing & River Workshops

Yes you can fish in the Hudson River and it’s better than ever at Hudson River Park! We provide rods, reels, bait and instruction. So come on down and try your luck at fishing while enjoying the warm sun and cool breeze.

Hudson River Park’s Pier 46

Charles Street and the Hudson River – Greenwich Village

Hudson River Park’s Pier 84

West 44th Street and the Hudson River

Weekends from May 25th through Labor Day

Tuesday through Sunday in July and August

10:00AM – 4:30PM

Camp groups interested in experiencing our River Workshops should call or log onto http://www.hudsonriverpark.org/education/summer_programs.asp to learn more and schedule a program that includes: water quality, science, Hudson River history and ecology.

Getting There

Hudson River Park's Pier 40

W. Houston Street and the Hudson River – Greenwich Village

Take the 1 to Houston Street. Walk west and cross West Street/9A and head to the walkway at the South end of the building.

Landmarks and Conveniences: Pier 40 Picnic House, 4 acres of Sports Fields, Batting Cages, and Parking Garage.

Hudson River Park's Piers 45 & 46

Christopher Street and the Hudson River – Greenwich Village

Take the 1 or Path to Christopher Street. Walk west and cross West Street/9A.

Landmarks and Conveniences: Christopher Street fountain, restrooms and snack bar.

Hudson River Park's Pier 54

14th Street and the Hudson River – Meatpacking District

Take the A, C, E, to 14th Street OR take the M14 bus to Tenth Ave and 15th Street. Cross West Street at 14th and walk south.

Landmarks and Conveniences:

Pier 54: Arch at entrance way to the Pier

Hudson River Park's Pier 64, Pier 66 and Pier 66a Maritime

26th Street and the Hudson River- Chelsea North

Take the M23 or M14 Bus straight to Chelsea Piers OR take the C, E to 23rd Street, walk west, cross 12th Ave. at 22nd Street.

Landmarks and Conveniences:

Shaded Seating, and Gardens. Pier 66a Maritime: Maritime artifacts, Boathouse, Historic Vessels, and Food Concession.

Hudson River Park's Pier 84

44th Street and the Hudson River

Take the M42 bus to the Hudson River or take the A, C, E to 42nd Street and walk west and cross 12th Ave at 43rd Street.

Landmarks and Conveniences: Pier 84: Contains a restaurant, boathouse, bike rental and fountain.

(Located between Circle Line Cruises 42nd St. and the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum)

Hudson River Park's Piers 95 and 96 - Clinton Cove

55th Street – Hell's Kitchen

Take the A, C, B, D, 1 Subway to 59th Street/Columbus Circle, leave the station following the signs toward 57th Street. At the corner of 57th and Broadway, take the M57 Cross town Bus heading west to the 57th Street and 11th Avenue stop. Walk 2 blocks south to 55th Street and make a right, cross the West Side Highway at the cross walk and enter Hudson River Park's Clinton Cove.

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