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CELEBRATE SUMMER AT NEW YORK CITY'S ULTIMATE WATERFRONT DESTINATION WITH A FREE OUTDOOR EVENT SERIES

-- Featuring free rock concerts, moonlit movie screenings, swinging dance lessons and a knockout boxing event all during Hudson River Park's "Take Me to the River" Summer Series --

New York, NY – April 26, 2011: For the 19th 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, music, boxing, fishing, family events 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 along the Hudson. Hudson River Park's annual "Take Me to the River" celebration has something for everyone: food aficionados can spend a Sunday at our Blues BBQ Festival enjoying a taste of NYC's best BBQ; music fans can listen to some of the hottest 'indie' bands around at one of our three RiverRocks concerts; families can settle in and catch a RiverFlicks movie; while lovers can stroll along the river accompanied by the perfect summer sunset.

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

For further information please visit www.hudsonriverpark.org or call the park info line at **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 in Greenwich Village

Fridays, June 10 – August 19 (except for July 1); 7:00 – 9:00PM

Every Friday from June 10 through August 19 (except for July 1), 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 in Greenwich Village

Tuesdays, June 7 – August 16 (except for July 5); 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 from *Mannes College The New School for Music* perform on one of Hudson River Park's most beautiful piers. Performances begin on June 7.

RiverRocks

www.RiverRocksNYC.com

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 in the Meatpacking District

6:00 – 10:00 PM

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 amazing panoramic views, RiverRocks is certain to create a memorable and rockin' summer night!

For more information and to-be-announced opening acts, check out the RiverRocks website at www.riverrocksnyc.com.

Thursday

RiverRocks

July 14

California Transplant Brings Sonic Nuances and Creative Sound to Pier 54

Headliner – tUnE-yArDs

During her live shows, Merrill Garbus's tUnE-yArDs thrills fans by creating drum loops on the spot, and layers in a mixture of sounds, including the saxophone,

ukulele, electric bass, and voice. Since the “lonely bedroom confessional” of Garbus’s solo debut some two years ago, tUnE-yArDs has grown fangs and claws. The result is the more precise, more concentrated, more vivid sound that is heard on the band’s acclaimed sophomore album – *whokill* – dubbed a “creative force so strong and focused, [it] practically jumps out of its shoes.”

Thursday
July 28

RiverRocks

**British Dance/Art Crossover to Perform Own Brand of Electronic Pop
Headliner – Metronomy**

With the spring release of its third album *The English Riviera*, the constantly developing British electronic band Metronomy has continued its streak of producing some of the most original and exciting music in the current pop milieu, an utterly unique proposition. Led by James Mount, Metronomy’s music is described as “pure experimental pop” a “mixture of unabashed funk and sunset tunes” that “you’ll be coming back to again and again.”

Thursday
August 11

RiverRocks

**Raucous Indie/Folk Band to Perform on the Hudson
Headliner – Deer Tick**

Fronted by guitarist, singer-songwriter John McCauley, Deer Tick has a unique musical style that encompasses punk, blues, folk, garage rock, grunge and country. Reviews of the band’s near-legendary live shows proclaim the band as “louder, rawer and more raucous than anyone who’s heard their records could’ve thought possible.”

Rumble on the River

Outdoor Boxing in the Shadow of the Intrepid

HUDSON RIVER PARK’S PIER 84

West 44th Street and the Hudson River in Midtown

Thursday, August 4 (rain date August 5); 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Sponsored by Chang Beer

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 fighters from the New York area compete in the square circle. The ancient sport of Muay Thai kickboxing will debut as the featured style of this year’s event.

Rumble on the River is produced in conjunction with the Church Street Boxing Gym. Event is free and open to the public with special ticketed VIP ringside seating also available. VIP tickets go on sale July 23 at www.fridaynightfightsnyc.com/tickets.php.

Blues BBQ Festival

Amazing Blues + NYC's Best BBQ = the 12th Annual Blues BBQ Festival!

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 54

West 14th Street and the Hudson River in the Meatpacking District

Sunday, August 21; 2:00 – 9:00 PM

Back for the 12th 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 Bonerama, Walter Trout, Diana Braithwaite & Chris Whiteley, Shakura S'Aida and Marquise Knox. This feast for your senses brings you the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a true southern BBQ experience! Check www.hudsonriverpark.org for updates.

MoonDance – NEW VENUE FOR 2011!

Dance the Night Away Under the Stars

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 84 – NEW VENUE!

West 44th Street and the Hudson River in Midtown

Sundays, July 10 – August 7; 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! MoonDance will take place on Sunday evenings at its new home on Hudson River Park's Pier 84. Featured styles include swing, tango and salsa. Free dance lessons begin at 6:30pm courtesy of Dance Manhattan -- Live bands go on at 7pm!

July 10 - David Berger Jazz Orchestra (Swing)

July 17 - Los Hermanos Colon (Salsa)

July 24 – Octavio Brunetti's Apeadero Sur Tango Orchestra (Tango)

July 31 - Nu D'Lux (Salsa)

August 7 - George Gee Swing Orchestra (Swing)

RiverFlicks – Two Nights – Two Piers – Two Themes – One New Venue!

www.RiverFlicksNYC.com

Enjoy all-time favorite movies outdoors along the Hudson River!

Wednesday evenings at Hudson River Park's *newly-opened* Pier 63 Lawn: Themed movie series geared towards **grown-ups** – 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 8:30pm)

Complimentary popcorn. Beverages and snacks available for purchase.

For more information check out the RiverFlicks website at www.riverflicksnyc.com.

RiverFlicks for Grown-Ups

Theme: 2010's Blockbusters

See the Stars, under the stars - watch all of your favorite blockbusters from 2010 on the big screen, again! This time around, they're all FREE. From social networking to social misfits, Hudson River Park's RiverFlicks has all of last year's favorite big screen hits!

**Outdoor movie series geared towards grown-ups - Films are rated PG-13 and R
Sponsored by amNew York**

Hudson River Park's Pier 63 Lawn --- NEW VENUE!

West 23rd Street and the Hudson River in Chelsea

Wednesdays, July 6 – August 17

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

Movies are rated PG-13 and R

Free Popcorn

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| July 6 | The Social Network
Rated PG-13 |
| July 13 | Easy A
Rated PG-13 |
| July 20 | The Kids Are All Right
Rated R |

- July 27 **The Other Guys**
Rated PG-13
- August 3 **The Fighter**
Rated R
- August 10 **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World**
Rated PG-13
- August 17 **The Town**
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 to enjoy!

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 in Greenwich Village

Fridays, July 8 – August 19

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

Movies rated G and PG

Free Popcorn

- July 8 **The Karate Kid (2010 Version)**
Rated PG
- July 15 **Despicable Me**
Rated PG
- July 22 **The Princess Bride**
Rated PG
- July 29 **Toy Story 3**
Rated G

August 5 **How to Train Your Dragon**

Rated PG

August 12 **Shrek Forever After**

Rated PG

August 19 **Tangled**

Rated PG

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 catch and release fishing while enjoying the warm sun and cool breezes.

Hudson River Park's Pier 46

Charles Street and the Hudson River – Greenwich Village

Hudson River Park's Pier 64

West 24th Street and the Hudson River - Chelsea

Hudson River Park's Pier 84

West 44th Street and the Hudson River - Midtown

Weekends from May 28 through Labor Day

Tuesday through Sunday in July and August

10:00AM – 4:30PM

Camp groups interested in experiencing our River Workshops should call 212-627-2020 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 Piers 45 & 46

Christopher Street and the Hudson River – Greenwich Village

Take the 1 or PATH to Christopher Street or the A, C, E, B, D, F or M to W. 4th Street and walk west OR take the M8 bus to Christopher Street and West Street.

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 1, 2, 3, A, C, E or L to 14th Street and walk west OR take the M14 bus to Tenth Ave and 15th Street.

Cross West Street at 14th and walk south.

Landmarks and Conveniences: Arch at entrance to Pier 54

Hudson River Park's Pier 63 Lawn

23rd Street and the Hudson River – Chelsea

Take the 1, C or E to 23rd Street and walk west OR take the M23 bus to Twelfth Avenue and 24th Street.

Cross West Street at 22nd, 23rd or 24th Streets

Landmarks and Conveniences: Immediately north of the Chelsea Piers complex

Hudson River Park's Pier 84

44th Street and the Hudson River – Midtown

Take the A, C or E to 42nd Street and walk west OR take the M42 bus to the Hudson River.

Landmarks and Conveniences: a restaurant, boathouse, bike rental shop, park store and fountain.

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

About the Hudson River Park Trust

The Hudson River Park Trust is a joint partnership of New York State and City that was created to design, build, operate and maintain the five-mile, 550-acre Hudson River Park.

The Trust is as a 501(c)(3) and public benefit corporation and is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors appointed by the Governor, Mayor and Manhattan Borough President.

The Trust works with a 50-member citizen's Advisory Council, Friends of Hudson River Park, civic and environmental groups, Community Boards 1, 2 and 4 and local elected officials in the park planning process.

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