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# 100 DAYS OF SUMMER (AND MORE) AT HUDSON RIVER PARK: "SUMMER OF FUN" EVENTS LINEUP UNVEILED

Hudson River celebrates dance, film, music, fitness and family-friendly from May through September

NEW YORK— Today, Hudson River Park (HRPK) unveiled its most jam-packed Summer of Fun lineup of free events yet, which kicks off May 7<sup>th</sup> and runs through mid-September. The 2019 series features a range of family-friendly activities, from live jazz performances and sunset salsa dancing to outdoor movies and fitness classes.

HRPK is holding more than 125 free events across eight different piers and 550 acres of parkland this summer, including 15 concerts, 14 outdoor movie screenings, 31 performances for kids, and 51 workout sessions and fitness classes. The complete events lineup is below.

"This summer, we are proud to unveil a lineup that has something for everyone, from salsa classes at sunset to live jazz performance and an outdoor movie series that will remind people why they fell in love with New York," said Madelyn Wils, President and CEO of Hudson River Park Trust. "These events are great opportunities for New Yorkers and visitors alike to enjoy New York City in the summer, mixing views of the river with our iconic skyline."

### **SUMMER OF FUN HIGHLIGHTS**

- Dance in HRPK: World-renowned dancers will once again descend on the Park for this year's Hudson River Dance Festival on June 6 and 7 at Pier 63, presented by SHS Foundation in association with The Joyce Theater. This is a chance for New Yorkers to watch live performances by some of the most exciting and celebrated modern dance companies and artists in the world, with a lineup that includes Dormeshia; Taylor 2; doug elkins choreography, etc.; Ballet Hispánico; and Camille A. Brown & Dancers. Visitors will also have the chance to learn some moves themselves at Bollywood, Ballroom and Salsa classes in June, July and August.
- Hudson River Park's Blues BBQ Festival: This year the famous festival known for its incredible riverfront performances has a special lineup to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The August 24<sup>th</sup> festival at Pier 97 will run all day long ending with a finale from Rolling Stones touring saxophonist Karl Denson and his band Tiny Universe.

- **Hudson RiverFlicks:** This year outdoor movies at Hudson River Park are kicking off on June 21<sup>st</sup> with a special Heritage of Pride screening of Coco, while the series will start in earnest in July with iconic New York movies that run every Wednesday at Pier 63. Family favorite movies will also be on show on Fridays at Pier 46.
- Sunset on the Hudson Concerts & Live Jazz: HRPK is putting on live music at Piers 84 and 45 throughout the summer months. The Jazz Foundation of America is curating a lineup of renowned jazz musicians to play at Pier 84, including "The Songbird of New Orleans" Robin Barnes, while a range of genres will be on show at Pier 45, from Samba to Funk and R&B.
- Hudson RiverKids: Hudson River Park will host special 45-minute performances for kids at 4:00 PM every Monday and Thursday on a range of fun and educational subjects, from Drag Queen Story Hour to Ramblin Dan and the Free Wheelin' Band. These biweekly events are ideal for parents looking for something fun to do between the end of the school day and dinner.
- **Healthy on the Hudson:** Weeknight fitness classes will offer New Yorkers the chance to work up a sweat while taking in the views along the waterfront, from yoga to waterside T'ai Chi. New Yorkers can also sign up for NY Outrigger canoe sessions.

Last year, Hudson River Park welcomed 177,000 people to events and programming all across the Park – including the 15,300 visitors that turned up to take Sunset Salsa classes from Talia, the 5,800 concert-goers that attended the Sunset on Hudson concert series, and the 2,400 children that participated in Hudson RiverKids. With this year's stellar lineup, the Park is expecting to break a new record and exceed last year's total.

Hudson River Park extends from Chambers Street to 59th Street along Manhattan's west side, making it one of the longest riverfront parks in the United States and an important outdoor recreational area for countless New Yorkers. The Park plays a critical role in protecting the Hudson River ecosystem and is committed to educating residents on the local habitat and environment.

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#### **FULL SUMMER OF FUN LINEUP**

**Hudson River Dance Festival** – *Pier 63 Lawn* | *Jun 6-7* | *7:00 PM*Performers include: Dormeshia, Taylor 2, doug elkins choreography, etc., Ballet Hispánico and Camille A. Brown & Dancers.

**Tuesday Dance in HRPK** – *Pier 45* | *Jun 11-Aug 27* | *6:30-9:00 PM Beginner lessons from 6:30-7:30 PM, Open dance from 7:30-9:00 PM* 

Jun 11 & Jun 18- Bollywood-style Bhangrā

- Jun 25 & Jul 2 Ballroom with Robbie Tristan
- Jul 9-Aug 27 Sunset Salsa with Talia Castro-Pozo

#### **Hudson River Park's Blues BBQ Festival** – Pier 97 | Aug 24 | 2:00-9:00 PM

Performers include: Kevin Burt, The World Famous Harlem Gospel Choir, AJ Ghent [j-ent], Ruthie Foster, and Karl Denson's Tiny Universe.

# **Hudson RiverFlicks** – *Piers 63, 46 and 45* | *Jul 10-Aug 23* | *8:30 PM or dusk* Iconic New York Movies on Wednesdays at Pier 63:

- Jul 10 The Warriors Can I Kick It? Produced by Shaolin Jazz
- Jul 17 When Harry Met Sally
- Jul 24 Moonstruck
- Jul 31 Do The Right Thing
- Aug 7 Tootsie
- Aug 14 The Last Dragon Can I Kick It? Produced by Shaolin Jazz
- Aug 21 Big

### Family Favorites on Fridays at Pier 46:

- July 12 Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse
- July 19 Ralph Breaks the Internet
- July 26 The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part
- August 2 Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation
- August 9 Incredibles 2
- August 16 How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World
- August 23 Trolls

### Heritage of Pride Family Movie Night at Pier 45 at 6:30 PM

• Jun 21 - Coco

## **Live Music** – *Piers 84 and 45* | *May 9-Sep 12* | *7:00-9:00 PM*

#### Jazz at Pier 84:

- May 9 Joey Morant
- May 10 Ray Mantilla
- Jun 13 Robin Barnes with JFA Musicians
- Jul 11 Mike Freeman Zonavibe with special guests Ray Mantilla and Jose Mangual Jr
- Aug 8 Carol Sudhalter Quartet
- Sep 12 David Schnitter Quartet

#### Sunset on the Hudson at Pier 45:

- Jun 14 Knickerbocker Chamber Orchestra
- Jun 28 & Aug 2- The Hum
- Jul 12 Kevin Batchelor
- Jul 19 & Aug 16 Manhattan Samba
- Jul 26 & Aug 23- High & Mighty Brass Band
- Aug 9 Koku Gonza

**Healthy on the Hudson\*** – Piers 84, 25 and 46 | Jun 3-Sep 12 | 6:30-7:30 PM Mondays at Pier 84, Wednesdays at Pier 25, Thursdays at Pier 46 Fitness includes: T'ai Chi, HIIT workouts with lululemon Brookfield Place, and Yoga with Chelsea Piers Fitness.

### **New York Outrigger Sessions** – *Pier 66 Boathouse*

- 11:15 AM-1:15 PM May 25, Jun 22, Jul 20, Aug 10, Sep 1
- 6:00-7:15 PM June 27, July 25, August 15

**Hudson RiverKids** – Piers 25 and 62 | Jun 3-Sep 12 | 4:00-4:45 PM Mondays at Pier 25, Thursdays at Pier 62

Performers: Bilingual Birdies, Mike Messer and the Afterschool Special, Drag Queen Story Hour, Tim Kubart and the Space Cadets, Sweetbeatz, Ramblin Dan and the Free Wheelin' Band, Mister G, City Stomp, The Pop Ups, Suzi Shelton, Children's Museum of the Arts, and Kid Ace.

<sup>\*</sup>Registration required at hudsonriverpark.eventbrite.com