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Hudson River Park Offers Virtual Live Events and Opens Its Cultural and STEM Programs for All

Join us for virtual programs streamed live from HRPK featuring NYC musicians, scientists, fitness experts and kids entertainers. Whatever your age, we're here to bring summer fun and discovery to you.

NEW YORK – Today, Hudson River Park announced its evolving line-up of free, online cultural events, fitness programs and hands-on environmental education programs for people of all ages. For all those engaged in responsible social distancing across New York City and around the world, the Park offers creative opportunities for social connection, cultural exploration and mind/body wellness.

For over 20 years, one of Hudson River Park's core philosophies has been the delivery of engaging and diverse programming that everyone can access and enjoy. While concerts, fitness and other free programs normally take place across our four-mile Manhattan footprint, we have reinvented them this year so that our audience can take part in events together safely. The launch of the Park's first ever virtual *Summer of Fun* brings all of the music, movement, learning and laughter of summer in the Park to the comfort of people's homes.

The 2020 program series features a diverse range of activities, from jazz performances and sunset salsa lessons and dancing to STEM expert lectures, field science exposés, wondrous Park tours and Healthy on the Hudson fitness classes, all available on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

"While the world has changed, Hudson River Park remains committed to bringing the joy and excitement of summer to old and new friends from New York City and beyond" **said Madelyn Wils, President and CEO of Hudson River Park Trust.** "Summer of Fun programs offer more than just education and enjoyment – they provide our community with a way to connect with the Park, their favorite local talent and each other."

Visit HudsonRiverPark.org for details and for encore performances of anything you may have missed. From family programs to STEM learning, music to fitness, the Park's programs will be available on demand after each show.

VIRTUAL SUMMER OF FUN

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Park's beloved concert series, **Sunset on the Hudson**, launches virtually on July 9 with a live performance of [The Big Takeover](#), known for a rich sound rooted in the genres and rhythms of Jamaican pop (Thursday, July 9 @ 7:30 PM). Sunset on the Hudson brings local artists that reflect the NYC music scene's dynamism and diversity – including world renowned twin DJs [Coco & Breezy](#) (Thursday, August 27 @ 7:30 PM).
- Get ready for a summer of sing-alongs, magic shows and story time adventures with our **Hudson RiverKids** programs, now through September, Mondays live at 4 PM. Plus, in July, join us for virtual story hour with readings in partnership with Park sponsor Macmillan Publishers.
- [Talia Castro-Pozo](#) leads NYC's most popular salsa series, **Sunset Salsa**, live from home this season. She is bringing together world-reknowned dancers and guest DJs all summer long, live on Tuesday nights @ 7:30. Join us and learn to salsa, without leaving your house.
- **Live Jazz Performances:** The Jazz Foundation of America is once again curating a lineup of renowned jazz musicians, including Ed Cherry on July 8 and [Annette A. Aguilar & StringBeans](#) on September 10.
- Get Active with **Healthy on the Hudson @ Home:** Free virtual fitness classes with expert instructors bring your favorite free summer workout series home. Presented by lululemon with support from Weill Cornell.

[Explore STEM topics](#) this July & August with Hudson River Park's engaging and inclusive lineup of virtual programs, all accessible on the Park's website or Facebook and Instagram. HRPK's environmental education programs connect science lovers everywhere with the Park's 400-acre River Sanctuary.

- Join us for **Ask A Scientist** where we explore current Park research with a local STEM expert, addressing topics from fish ecology to marine plastics pollution to diversity and inclusion in STEM.
- Tune into **Live from the Field** to watch scientists conduct research throughout the Park – including studying environmental DNA, analyzing microplastics, sampling fish populations and more.
- At **Shell-ebrate Oysters**, take a deeper dive into the history & environmental importance of the native Eastern oyster.

- When visiting the Park, take on the role of volunteer naturalist through the free iNaturalist app, and take part in **Backyard Bioblitz** competitions – photos may be featured live in the Park’s **Diversity Digest**.
- Be sure to keep up with our **STEM Activity of the Week** series for hands-on projects and experiments to engage young scientists. These free online resources for students and families can be found on our website and include easy-to-do wildlife-inspired crafts and games using common household items.
- Kids can become a River Ranger or STEM Explorer. Sign up to join one of our **Virtual Summer Camps** to continue learning about the Hudson River from anywhere! Each week will have a different theme along with educator-led demonstrations, at-home experiments and more.

Last year, the Park experienced a record-breaking year for events and engagement, with nearly 200,000 people attending 800 events and programs.

Hudson River Park extends from Chambers St. to W 59 St. along Manhattan’s west side, making it one of the longest riverfront parks in the United States and an important outdoor recreation 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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SCHEDULED PERFORMANCES
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Registration recommended at hudsonriverpark.eventbrite.com

There are more shows more to come! Follow the Park on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook for updates on programs, additional performances and Park happenings.

Sunset Salsa – Facebook Live | Tuesdays, June 23 – September 1 | 7:30-8:00 PM Instruction, 8:00–9:00 PM DJ.

Hudson RiverKids - Facebook Live | Mondays, June 15 – August 31 | 4:00-4:45 PM

Links Available on Line now:

June 15 – [Falu’s Bazaar](#)

June 22 – [Drag Queen Story Hour](#)

June 29 – [Mike Messer and the After School Special](#)

July 6 – [Shine on Kids NYC](#)

July 13 – [Baby Fingers](#)

July 20 & 23 – [Bilingual Birdies](#)
July 27 – [Tim Kubart and the Space Cadets](#)
August 3 – [Sweetbeatz](#)
August 10 – [City Stomp](#)
August 17 – [Suzi Shelton](#)
August 24 – [Ramblin 'Dan's Freewheelin 'Band](#)
August 31 – [Story Pirates](#)

Sunset on the Hudson - Facebook Live | Thursdays, July 9 - September 3 | 7:30 PM

July 9 – [The Big Takeover](#)
July 16 – [Yasser Tejeda & Palotr ](#)
July 23 – [Manhattan Samba](#)
July 30 – [High & Mighty Brass Band](#)
August 6 – [Koku Gonza](#)
August 13 – [Alsarah and the Nubatones](#)
August 20 – [Resistance Revival Chorus](#)
August 27 – [Coco & Breezy](#)
September 3 – [Zach Comtois](#)

Jazz at #HRPK - Facebook Live | Thursdays, July 8 & September 10 | 7:00 PM

July 8 – Ed Cherry
September 10 – [Annette A. Aguilar & StringBeans](#)

Ask A Scientist - Facebook Live

July 22 – Fish Ecology, Wednesday 2pm
August 11 – Diversity & Inclusion in STEM, Tuesday 2pm
September 16 – Marine Plastics, Wednesday 6pm
October 21 – Sustainability & Composting, Wednesday 6pm