



Hudson River Park Trust

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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 educational programming - all during Hudson River Park's "Take Me to the River" Summer Series --

New York, NY – May 15, 2012: For the 20th 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, educational 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 Saturday 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; 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**.

Stars of Tomorrow

New York's best and brightest music students perform

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 45

Christopher Street and the Hudson River in Greenwich Village

Tuesdays, June 5 – August 21 (except July 3); 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Every Tuesday night the stars shine bright in Hudson River Park! Enjoy music from Bach to Bebop 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 5.

Summer of Fitness

Get fit for FREE in Hudson River Park

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 25 & PIER 46

Hudson River Park joins with Lole & Shape Up NYC to bring you free exercise classes twice per week!

Tuesdays with Lole at Hudson River Park's Pier 25

Hudson River Park's Pier 25

North Moore Street and the Hudson River in TriBeCa

Tuesdays, June 5 – August 21 (except July 3)

Lole (lolewomen.com), Hudson River Park & FITiST (fitist.com) team up to offer fitness meet-ups, including: yoga, boot camp, core training & boxing. **Attendance is limited to 75 people. Participation requires RSVP. For scheduling and to RSVP visit: [facebook.com/lolehowtiquenyc](https://www.facebook.com/lolehowtiquenyc) or e-mail: rsvphrp@fitist.com**

Thursdays with Shape Up NYC at Hudson River Park's Pier 46

Hudson River Park's Pier 46

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

Thursdays, June 7 – August 23 (except July 5)

Shape Up NYC (befitnyc.org), a free citywide fitness program created through partnerships with Equinox, NYC Service, and Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield brings you Intensati: a workout that fuses high energy aerobics, martial arts, dance, yoga and strength conditioning. **Attendance is limited to 75 people on a first come, first served basis.**

Sunset on the Hudson

Relax in the grass as the sun sets with some of New York City's best musicians

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 45

Christopher Street and the Hudson River in Greenwich Village

Fridays, June 8 – August 24 (except July 6); 7:00 – 9:00PM

Join us every Friday from June 8 through August 24 (except July 6), as we celebrate the sunset with some of New York City's favorite musicians from this spectacular grass covered pier that stretches 900 feet into the majestic Hudson River.

- Chuck Braman Jazz Band: June 8 & 29, July 27 & August 17
- Max Gallico & Sinclair Jennings: Acoustic Soul Duo: June 15, July 20, August 3 & 24
- The Baby Soda Jazz Band: June 22, July 13 & August 10

RiverRocks

www.RiverRocksNYC.com

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

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 84 – **NEW LOCATION!**

West 44th Street and the Hudson River in Midtown

6:00 – 10:00 PM

Sponsored by Negra Modelo, Modelo Especial & Pacifico Clara

Among New York City's quintessential free outdoor summer concert series, Hudson River Park's *RiverRocks* marks its 14th season this July and August with a **new location on Pier 84** and performances by an array of established and breaking artists.

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

Thursday

RiverRocks

July 12

Dan Deacon with John Maus and Roomrunner

Baltimore-based musician **Dan Deacon** is well known for his live shows with frenzied audiences feeding off looping music. His songs are intense and epic and at the same time down to earth and welcoming.

Minnesota native **John Maus** taps into gothic '80s synth-pop sounds. Maus utilizes synthesizers, tensely strung bass lines and chasing drum machines as the backdrop for his deeply resonant reverb-drenched vocals.

Baltimore's **Roomrunner** performs "bunge rock, avant church, grunge" music replete with fuzzy, noisy odes to the 90s. The band's two EPs released this past year are making Nirvana fans very happy.

Thursday

RiverRocks

July 26

Oberhofer with The Soft Pack and The Royal Bangs

Oberhofer, the Brooklyn-based band of Brad Oberhofer, creates psychedelic catchy pop rock tunes. The acclaimed debut album *Time Capsules II* possesses the "ecstatic rush of young love and the emotional fragility attached to it."

Hailing from San Diego, **The Soft Pack** plays a smart but simple rock that harkens back to '60s garage, '70s punk, and '80s college rock.

The kinetic rock and roll of Knoxville's **Royal Bangs** is a shapeshifting spastic rush of math rock with the heft of 1970s arena-fillers, and a bit of Tennessee-born Southern boogie (Pitchfork).

Thursday

RiverRocks

August 9

Wild Nothing and Grimes and DIIV

Wild Nothing's songs are inspired by a longtime love affair with nostalgia. Released this spring, Wild Nothing's debut album *Gemini* is full of dreamy, carefree synth-pop songs that linger with an inexplicable sense of regret.

Grimes, aka Claire Boucher, is among the most talked-about musical artists of the year. Her live performances are both musical and visual, embodying art, performance, dance, video and sound.

DIIV is the brainchild of Z. Cole Smith, frontman of the atmospheric and autumnally-charged new Brooklyn four-piece. They have crafted a sound indebted to classic kraut, dreamy Creation-records psychedelia, and the primitive-crunch of late-80's Seattle – a perfectly fused patch of classic-underground influence.

RiverFlicks – Two Nights – Two Piers – Two Themes!

www.RiverFlicksNYC.com

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

Wednesday evenings at Hudson River Park's 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 PG.

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

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: 2011's Blockbusters

See the Stars, under the stars - watch all of your favorite blockbusters from 2011 on the big screen, again! This time around, they're all FREE. From bad bridesmaids to bad bosses, 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 DNAinfo.com

Hudson River Park's Pier 63 Lawn

West 23rd Street and the Hudson River in Chelsea

Wednesdays, July 11 – August 22

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

Movies are rated PG-13 and R

Free Popcorn

July 11	Moneyball Rated PG-13
July 18	Super 8 Rated PG-13
July 25	Bridesmaids Rated R
August 1	Limitless Rated PG-13
August 8	Cowboys & Aliens Rated PG-13
August 15	Crazy, Stupid Love Rated PG-13

August 22 **Horrible Bosses**
Rated R

RiverFlicks for Kids presented by AT&T

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 PG

Presented by AT&T

Sponsored by GoGo SqueeZ

Hudson River Park's Pier 46

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

Fridays, July 13 – August 24

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

Movies rated PG

Free Popcorn

July 13 **Kung Fu Panda 2**
Rated PG

July 20 **Superman, The Movie**
Rated PG

July 27 **Hugo**
Rated PG

August 3 **Puss in Boots**
Rated PG

August 10 **Rango**
Rated PG

August 17 **Back to the Future**

Rated PG

August 24 **The Smurfs**

Rated PG

Science on the River

Science is made fun at this education-themed festival

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 84

West 44th Street and the Hudson River in Midtown

Saturday, July 7 & August 18; 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Numerous groups focused on natural sciences showcase their work and research in a festival atmosphere. Kids of all ages will be encouraged to engage in hands-on demonstrations taking place throughout the day. Event opens at 11:00 AM on each festival day.

Rumble on the River presented by Chang Beer

Outdoor Muay Thai Kickboxing in the Shadow of the Intrepid

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 84

West 44th Street and the Hudson River in Midtown

Thursday, August 2 (rain date August 3); 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Presented by Chang Beer

The ancient sport of Muay Thai kickboxing returns for 2012! Join us as amateur Muay Thai boxers from the New York area get in the ring and battle to see who is the best!

Rumble on the River is produced in conjunction with the Church Street Boxing Gym and presented by Chang Beer. Event is free and open to the public with special ticketed VIP ringside seating also available. VIP tickets go on sale July 21 at www.fridaynightfights.com.

MoonDance

Dance the Night Away Under the Stars

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 84

West 44th Street and the Hudson River in Midtown

Sundays, July 15 – August 12; 6:30 – 10:00 PM

Sponsored by City Winery

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 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 7:00 PM!

July 15 – George Gee Swing Orchestra (Swing)

July 22 – Los Hermanos Colon (Salsa)

July 29 – Nu D'Lux (Salsa)

August 5 – Hector Del Curto's Eternal Tango (Tango)

August 12 – David Berger Jazz Orchestra (Swing)

Blues BBQ Festival

Amazing Blues + NYC's Best BBQ = the 13th Annual Blues BBQ Festival!

HUDSON RIVER PARK'S PIER 84 – NEW LOCATION!

West 44th Street and the Hudson River in Midtown

Saturday, August 25; 2:00 – 9:00 PM

Sponsored by Negra Modelo, Modelo Especial & Pacifico Clara

Back for the 13th year at the new Pier 84 venue, Hudson River Park's annual Blues BBQ Festival brings the best Blues artists from across the country together with the finest New York City BBQ restaurants for an unforgettable summer day on the river. This year's acts will include The Bo-Keys, Glen David Andrews, Joanne Shaw Taylor, Curtis Salgado and Demetria Taylor. 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.

Getting There

Hudson River Park's Pier 25

North Moore Street and the Hudson River – Tribeca

Take the 1 to Franklin Street or the A, C, E to Canal Street and walk west OR take the M8 bus to Harrison Street and West Street.

Landmarks and Conveniences: Just north of Battery Park City & Stuyvesant High School

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 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.

For Further Information:

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