



HARLEMARTSFESTIVAL  
5TH ANNIVERSARY



2016  
JUNE 24-26 FREE  
FRIDAY - SUNDAY  
HARLEM, NYC



Marcus Garvey Park is as much a public square as it is a park, located at the intersection of East and Central Harlem just 10 blocks north of Museum Mile. Art and culture thrive in the park, living up to the reputation of creativity for which Harlem is famous. Two community organizations, the Marcus Garvey Park Alliance and Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association, collaborate throughout the year to foster and help facilitate the expansion of arts and cultural programming in the park.

The Harlem Arts Festival is that spirit brought to life. Now celebrating its 5th anniversary, HAF has become a community partner as well as a much-anticipated Summer destination. Its weekend-long event, which takes place every June, celebrates a diverse cross-section of creative genres while also heralding the theatrical and jazz performances to come in July and August.

Along with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, we are honored to have so many of you from the community and beyond come out to enjoy the sights and sounds that emanate from the Richard Rodgers Amphitheater and throughout the park. We hope you have a great time and come back to see us all Summer long!

Connie Lee

President  
MGPA

Gina B Ramcharan

President  
MMPCIA

# #HAF2016 FESTIVAL

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## HARLEMARTSFESTIVAL

The Harlem Arts Festival (HAF) is back! Now in its milestone 5th Anniversary year, #HAF2016 has a tremendous amount to celebrate. In five years, we've presented nearly 200 artists; quadrupled our year-round program offerings; grown our original team of 3 to now over 14 dedicated volunteer staff; expanded the HAFamily by developing our Board of Directors, Junior Board, VIP's, advisory groups; and forged new relationships with great organizations like the Young Patrons of Lincoln Center, Make Music NY, and La Maison d'Art.

This year's festival kicks off with the Opening Night Party on Friday at The National Black Theatre, featuring performances by Freelance and Samira Gibson. Our Saturday headliner is 2X Grammy award winning singer/songwriter Timothy Bloom and Sunday closes with the stomp of Soul Steps, led by Artistic Director Maxine Lyle. Through a partnership with Harlem Village Academies, we now have an intimate indoor space to showcase theater, comedy, and spoken word artists throughout both days. For the 2nd consecutive year, the festivities continue with our #HAFterparty, hosted by the HAF Junior Board at Gin Fizz with Tiff McFierce on Saturday at 9PM. On Sunday, Angel of Harlem will host a family style brunch for festival goers, with two seatings at 12pm and 2pm -- tickets are available online.

Continuing in our tradition of highlighting Marcus Garvey Park with public art installations, we've commissioned Bentley Meeker, a renowned Harlem-based light artist (the Whitney, National Arts Club, and Burning Man), probably best known for the 'H' installed underneath the 125th street viaduct last year. Bentley will light up the park during the festival using hive lights installed on the tallest nearby building, 5th on the Park. What an incredible way to shine a light on the arts in our community!

Zipcar returns to the fest to create another #HarlemArtCar. A collaboration that began last year between HAF and Zipcar to showcase a local artist with a custom designed vehicle. This year's HAF artist was chosen by the public through social media. Zipcar members can rent the car, with a portion of the funds going towards benefitting Harlem Arts Festival.

Even with all this activity, the spirit of Harlem Arts Festival is more than the sum of its parts. HAF builds bridges between people. Between

cultures and narratives. It connects the artistic legacy of Harlem with our collectively imagined future. Through shared experience and shared joy, the arts bring us together, invite dialogue on the issues that matter most, and offer us reminders of those intangible ideas that build a shared sense of identity and belonging. Together we actively make Harlem an example of a healthy, vibrant, creative community. We perpetuate an ecology of cultural institutions that nurtures emerging organizations like HAF alongside the legends Harlem is known for. This process begins with supporting artists.

We are enormously grateful to you, our audience, our partners, and sponsors for your ongoing support! Here's to five more years, and we hope you enjoy #HAF2016!

Warmly,

Neal Ludevig, Chelsea Goding, and JJ El-Far  
HAF Co-Founders

## SPECIAL THANKS

In addition to our Board of Directors, Junior Board Members, #HAF2016 Sponsors, Festival Advisory Board members, Artistic Selection Committee Members, Community Partners, and individual donors who have helped the Harlem Arts Festival realize its fifth year, we would like to thank a few individuals, notable partners and organizations whose guidance, encouragement, and advocacy have encouraged and inspired us:

The New York City Parks Department, Borough Commissioner William T. Castro, Steve Simon, Melvin Norris, Community Board's 9, 10 and 11, the 25th and 28th Precincts, Materials for the Arts, Ryan Salter, Fiona Teng, Ashleigh Schroeck, Yoav Haron, Daniel Goldbard, Tom Hall, Jono Gasparro, Sivan Ouedraogo, Valerie Jo Bradley, Carla McIntosh, Lloyd Williams, Curtis Archer, David Corona, Kevin McClain, Arnyce Foster, Kieishsha Garnes, Gina Ramcharan, Elliott Ashby, Robin Williams, Diane Goding, Jon Doty, Mira Ludevig, Dan Hirschhorn, Joan Griffith Lee, Nikoa Evans Hendricks, Dennis Moody, Lisa Lindvall, Amy Solomon, Jeff Goodman, Alex Levine, Ellis Williams, Larry Blackmon, all HAF 2016 staff and volunteers, and our close family and friends.

# #HAF2016 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016**

**OPENING NIGHT PARTY W/ COACH PR + DJ CAESAR**

**8:30PM-12:00AM @ NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE**

**2031 5TH AVE / 125TH STREET**

**TICKETS / \$20 ONLINE / \$25 AT THE DOOR**

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 25-26, 2016**

**HARLEM ARTS FESTIVAL 2016!**

**HOSTED BY JUSTIN MOORE**

**3:00PM-8:30PM @ MARCUS GARVEY PARK**

**5TH AVE-MT MORRIS PARK WEST / 122ND-124TH STREET**

**FREE!!! / RAIN OR SHINE**

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## **#HAF2016 HIGHLIGHTS**

Make it a #HAF2016 Weekend! Here are a list of events happening during both days of the fest and beyond!

### **#HARLEMARTCAR**

Zipcar has partnered with Harlem Arts Festival for the 2nd year in a row to commission the live painting of a car, known locally as the #HarlemArtCar, by a HAF artist. This year, the artist was chosen by popular demand and HAF fans via a social media contest on Twitter and Instagram. As a bonus, Zipcar will donate \$1 to the Harlem School of the Arts for every hour the #HarlemArtCar is driven from June 27-September 5.

### **BENTLEY MEEKER LIGHT INSTALLATION**

Bentley Meeker, local Harlem resident and renowned lighting artist, will illuminate Marcus Garvey Park from June 25th to the 26th. Meeker created the "H" in Harlem, a large public work suspended from the 125th Street and 12th Avenue viaduct. He lit the Burningman temple numerous times, exhibited work at the Core Club, the National Arts Club, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and more. The installation, titled "Indigo" for the latent colors found in full spectrum light, will use plasma light sources. Spectrum is a particular characteristic in light that New Yorkers are not used to as our city is lit almost entirely by mono spectrum light. Indigo will project from atop 5th On the Park, a 28-story condominium at the base of Marcus Garvey Park.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016**  
**#HAFTERPARTY W/ TIFF MCFIERCE**

HOSTED BY HAF'S JUNIOR BOARD

**9:00PM-2:00AM @ GIN FIZZ**  
308 MALCOLM X BLVD / 125TH STREET  
**FREE!!!** / \$10 SUGGESTED DONATION

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016**  
**#HAF2016 BRUNCH W/ THE BACHELOR CHEF**

**12:00PM + 2:00PM @ ANGEL OF HARLEM**  
2272 FREDERICK DOUGLASS BLVD / 122ND STREET  
TICKETS / \$45 ONLINE + AT THE DOOR / RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

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### **HARLEM IDEAS**

Join Harlem thought leaders in community forums as they discuss relevant topics relating to artist wellness, LGBT issues, historic preservation and parenting. All are welcome.

**ARTIST WELLNESS** w/ Lara Land

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION** w/ Valerie Jo Bradley

**LGBT ISSUES** w/ Souleo

**HAPPINESS SET POINT** w/ Shea Richburg  
The Happiness Set Point is the scientific formula which determines if a child will grow to become a happy child and adult. The discussion will cover what parents can do to establish a positive child.

### **UBUNTU**

**ON VIEW UNTIL JULY 8 AT LA MAISON D'ART**  
259 WEST 132ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10027

Inspired by the African-based philosophy, "Ubuntu", which translates to "I am because we are," this group show asks HAF Artists from the past five years to acknowledge individuals who have made them possible, reflect on how their artwork embodies the people, places, and/or events that have shaped them as artists, and answer how their artwork connects them to the Harlem community.

### **EXHIBITING ARTISTS**

Shannon Berry, Cathleen Campbell, D. Myntia Daniels, Lisa DuBois. Laura Gadson, Élan HiArt, Lance Johnson, Cherry K, Tiffany Latrice, Slone.

**TAKE THE FEST WITH YOU**

# FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE

Bring a piece of #HAF2016 home with you! Grab one of our festival t-shirts or cute tote bags at the Welcome Center or Main Stage.

## HAF T-SHIRTS + TOTE BAGS \$10

Rep the fest all year round! HAF t-shirts and tote bags come bearing the Harlem Arts Festival logo in a number of colors.

## HARLEM T-SHIRTS \$20

Designed by HAF Artists JT Liss, Lance Johnson, and Tiffany Latrice, these limited edition pieces give you a wearable piece of Harlem.



**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**

# MAKE A DONATION

It's with the generosity of our fans that Harlem Arts Festival has made it to five seasons of showcasing local talent. Your donations can be processed online, given by check, or made in cash, and are fully tax-deductible with a receipt! Interested in taking your support to the next level? Become a VIP Member!

**SHARE YOUR LOVE**

# KEEP IT SOCIAL

We love to see photos and videos from your P.O.V.! Tag us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @harlemartsfest or use the hashtag #HAF2016 to make sure we can find and like your posts! \*New\* Catch HAF on Snapchat @HAFontheSnap!



**WIN FREE STUFF**

# GET A HAFCARD

HAF Cards let us know how many visitors come to the festival and what you got to enjoy throughout the day! This helps us secure funding to keep the festival FREE every year. Here's what to do:

- 1. GRAB A HAF CARD AT THE WELCOME CENTERS** or at any of the stages.
- 2. GET IT HOLE-PUNCHED** at each performance or event you go to.
- 3. FILL IN YOUR CONTACT INFO** at the bottom of the card.
- 4. TURN IT IN FOR A FREE PRIZE POST-FEST!** Any volunteer can take your HAF Card before you leave.

**EVERYONE WILL WIN SOMETHING AND PRIZES RANGE FROM HAF MERCH TO ORIGINAL ARTWORK AND ROUNDTRIP FLIGHTS ON JETBLUE!**

**STAY IN TOUCH +**

# SEE US NEXT TIME!

We host monthly events that gather our community around our artists' work. Stay in the know by joining our mailing list online, or by turning in a HAF Card before you leave the festival!

**JOIN HAF, THE LGBT CENTER, HARLEM PRIDE AND THE MMPCIA  
IN MARCUS GARVEY PARK FOR A PICNIC ON  
SATURDAY, JULY 23RD FROM 11AM - 1PM**

**JOIN THE #HAFAMILY**

# BECOME A VIP!

VIP Membership with Harlem Arts Festival gives first access to HAF events, intimate meet and greets with artists on the rise, invitations to exclusive recording sessions, discounts on merch, all while supporting the arts and artists. Below are a few of the benefits that our VIPs enjoy.

- 1 HAF Gala ticket with RSVP (\$150 value)
- 2 Tickets to the annual VIP event (\$150 value)
- Free Admission to ALL HAF Sessions with RSVP (at least 10 per year)
- Discounts on HAF Merch (10%)
- Member based pricing and discounts with HAF partners which include:
  - East Harlem River Wines
  - Back Label Wine Merchants
  - The Cecil/Mintons
  - Little Bamboo Harlem
  - Angel of Harlem
  - Young Patrons of Lincoln Center (YPLC)
- One (1) limited edition postcard by a feature HAF artist each year.
- VIP Access at select HAF events

Your membership is an annual tax-deductible gift and lets you celebrate with us, while showing your support!

**VISIT [WWW.HARLEMARTSFESTIVAL.COM/MEMBERSHIP](http://WWW.HARLEMARTSFESTIVAL.COM/MEMBERSHIP) TO SIGN UP**



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## PERFORMING/VISUAL

# ARTIST BIOS

MUSIC / SAT, JUNE 25 / SECOND STAGE

### AMMA WHATT

**"Amma is poised to take Soul  
Music to the next level..."**  
-Soultrain.com

Harlem Stage Fund for New Work grant recipient, Amma Whatt, released her debut EP 'Maybe' to awaiting fans in 2012. Her release garnered her a nomination for Soultracks.com Best New Artist, and debuted at #3 in the R&B/Soul category on Bandcamp.com. As Amma - a 2007 "American Idol" finalist - cultivates the Afro-Pop/Soul/Jazz sound for her first full-length album, she is evolving to include even more influences from the African Diaspora into her music, as a means to represent her culture and promote unity through music.

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[www.ammawhattrmusic.com](http://www.ammawhattrmusic.com)

MUSIC / SAT, JUNE 25 / MAIN STAGE

### ANU~SUN

**Drummer, producer, songwriter**

Las Vegas native Anu-Sun is a BMI artist/songwriter whose music offers an eclectic blend of Hip-Hop, Soul and Jazz. Being a drummer & godson of Jazz legend Lionel Hampton, one should understand why Anu's love for music runs deep. In 2006 Anu's music video "Soul Brotha" was included in BETJ's "Top 50 videos of 2006." The artist has

also been featured on BETJ's (now Centric) programs "The J List" & "Chonicles of the Underground. To date Anu has opened for such reputable artists as Q-Tip (of A Tribe Called Quest), Dwele, Bilal, Talib Kweli, Pharaoh Monch, Kid Cudi, Amel Laurieux and Raheem DeVaughn. In his sophomore release "The Adventures of Mr. Las Vegas" Anu portrays himself as a Vegas showman ready to strut his stuff. The project is soulful hip-hop infused with a pop twist that renders itself to Maxwell (if he did more hip-hop tunes).

 AnuTheGiant

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### AYO JANEEN JACKSON

Ayo Janeen Jackson received her Bachelor of Fine Arts at North Carolina School of the Arts. Jackson is a former member of the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, Ballet Preljocaj, and the original cast of Spider Man on Broadway. She is a candidate for a MFA at School of the Art Institute of Chicago (2018). Ms. Jackson has received both a Chris Hellman Award and a Special Project Grant from the Princess Grace Foundation. Jackson appeared in the film Black Nativity, directed by Kasi Lemmons with choreography by Otis Sallid; the opera Anna Nicole; and in episodes of Boardwalk Empire, The Knick,

and HBO's Vinyl. Currently Ayo is working as the choreographer for The Wilma Theater's An Octoroon (Philadelphia).

 ayo.jackson

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[www.ayojaxson.org](http://www.ayojaxson.org)

SPOKEN WORD / SAT, JUNE 25 / MAIN STAGE

### BILLY DEAN THOMAS

**Billy Dean Thomas aka The Queer B.I.G is hip hop's Queer emcee from Harlem NYC.**

Billy Dean Thomas is a musician who challenges the hip hop game with lyrics that align with #blacklivesmatter, intersectional feminism and highlights the difficulties of growing up in NYC. Her musical career began at the age of 8 playing congas as well as being a part of an advanced Poetry/ Performance program where she was mentored by Pharohe Monch, Rosie Perez and DMC. She was booked to appear as a spoken word artist twice for The 24 Hour Plays on Broadway, a production sponsored by Montblanc, HBO and NBC to benefit Urban Arts Partnership. Billy Dean's musical flow explores a range of music from Muddy Waters to Mozart. She is a true lover of translations and remixes historical sounds and texts to fit todays perspectives.

DANCE / SUN, JUNE 26 / MAIN STAGE

### BLACK BOYS DANCE TOO

Black Boys Dance Too's purpose is to bring awareness of black art to the globe, focusing on black men but encouraging all people. Black Boys Dance Too is a limitless platform for men and women to showcase their artistic expression in the areas of dance, theater, visual art, music and

creative writing. Black Boys Dance Too was founded on the principles that black men and all men, specifically of color have the right to be appreciated and respected in the global arts community. It's hard to find a place to encourage each other to be greater vessels in the world of the arts without it being competitive. Black Boys Dance Too is the now where one can freely be themselves as artists and network to provide more opportunities for artists of color by encouraging working together, showcasing original works and sharing their individuality with the globe.

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MUSIC / SUN, JUNE 26 / MAIN STAGE

### BRAXTON COOK

Braxton Cook is one of this generation's brightest up and coming alto saxophonists and songwriters. He has performed alongside Wynton Marsalis, Jon Batiste and has toured the world many times over with Grammy Nominated Trumpeter Christian Scott. As a band-leader, he has already recorded and released two projects and is now currently working on his debut album. His newest music features not only his abilities as a saxophonist and songwriter, but also features his vocal abilities. Braxton melds all of these elements into his music creating a very unique genre-blending sound that is accessible to the avid Jazz listener as well as to the R&B and Soul music lover.

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[www.braxtoncook.com](http://www.braxtoncook.com)

MUSIC / SAT, JUNE 25 / SECOND STAGE

## BRIA MONÉT

**Bria Monét's music is folk in composition and soul in execution**

Bria Monét offers therapy through music that is relatable in its vulnerability. With a strong focus on dynamics and sensitivity, the 21 year old's composition and instrumentation creates warm sounds that are dense with harmony. Bria's music speaks openly and intensely about topics from loss and desire to joy and hope in a way that is unique and deeply empathetic. Through her intimate and inviting performances, audiences can find themselves encouraged and relieved by a reflective listening experience.

 [briamonetmusic](#)

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VISUAL ARTS / SUN, JUNE 26 / HVA

## CATHLEEN CAMPBELL

**Photographer/Writer/Filmmaker**

Cathleen Campbell is a photographer, writer and filmmaker. Her short film "OUTTA MY NAME," screened at the Reel Sisters, AAWIC and Manhattan Film Festivals. She's shooting her first feature film this summer. Her "SUMMER BREAK" script was a finalist in the Urbanworld Film Festival's Screenplay Competition. Photos from her "HARLEM" series were recently exhibited in NOMAA's "Selfless Selfies" exhibit. She plans to publish these and other photos in a book. She's a longtime Harlem resident.

 [Outta My Name](#)

SPOKEN WORD / SAT, JUNE 25 / HVA

## CARIDAD DE LA LUZ AKA LA BRUJA

Caridad De La Luz is a Bronx-born performer known as LA BRUJA.



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She is considered one of America's leading spoken word poets. This year she was named one of the Top 20 Puerto Rican Women Everyone Should Know. In 2014 she was awarded Comité Noviembre's Puerto Rican Women Legacy Award, in 2013 The Edgar Allan Poe Award for excellence in writing from The Bronx Historical Society. Honored as A Bronx Living Legend, she was presented with a Citation of Merit from The Bronx Borough President. This Renaissance woman has performed internationally including The Apollo, The Museum of Natural History and the famed Nuyorican Poets Café where she began her career. NY Times called her "a Juggernaut" after the off-Broadway run of her musical Boogie Rican Blvd. Well known for her captivating performance on Russell Simmons' HBO Def Poetry Jam, she was featured twice on HBO Latino's installment of HABLA. She works with youth throughout the country teaching poetry workshops for Sadie Nash, Pepatian.org and NYC Mission Society, is a board member of Voices UnBroken and a chartering member of Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. - Delta Chapter at Binghamton University.

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## D. MYNTIA DANIELS

D. Myntia Daniels was born and raised in Cincinnati, OH. She grew up as a competitive gymnast and during her free time she drew her coaches and teammates. Her interest in the figure, American history, and African theology has influenced her artwork in profound ways. Her goal as an artist is to positively represent the underrepresented.

 [Tia Daniels](#)  
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[www.dmyntiad.com](http://www.dmyntiad.com)

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## DC PRODUCTIONS

Dom Pagan began DC Productions roughly 2 years ago in hopes of finding adventure in a sleepless city with so much hidden beauty. Whether she was on the roofs of buildings, or staring down the face of oncoming trains, Dom knew she found the adventure she was after. This artist firmly believes beauty can be found anywhere, and hopes her art gives everyone a second chance to witness a treasure they may have overlooked.

 [dominique.pagan.3](#)  
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MUSIC / SUN, JUNE 26 / SECOND STAGE

## DILEMASTRONAUTA

**Drum driven music that reaches the nearest galaxy through beats coming from the middle of the earth**

"The astronaut is one of the only individuals who has the opportunity to see the earth as a whole from above, and by doing that, a new sense of being part of a big picture is brought upon him". This new vision is what has inspired Andres, who is a drummer, percussionist, arranger, song writer and composer from Bogota, Colombia and who is based in the US since 2000. He is part of a wave of Colombian-American musicians who have been heavily influenced by folkloric music of Colombia such as Cumbia, Bullerengue, Musica de Banda,

Currulaos from the Colombian Pacific coast, among many other Colombian styles. However, Andres is able to find cultural and musical connections with the music from Peru, Cuba, Brazil, New Orleans and American Bebop.

  dilemastronauta

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## ELAN HIART

**Teacher of diversity through the arts in fun and accessible ways for all members of the family.**

Elan is a multidisciplinary writer and visual artist. Her works are grounded in family, historical imagery, personal narrative, identity and power. Elan's work is interested in power dynamics in families, how that is interjected into society and popular culture, and how individuals form identity under these influences. Her art for kids blog, DiverseArt4Kids. blogspot.com is a collection of her many workshops and projects she designed during her 16 years of teaching.

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DANCE / SAT, JUNE 25 / MAIN STAGE

## FORZA MALIZIA DANCE COMPANY

**A culturally rooted, community minded, multi-genre dance company - doing everything with FORZA!**

Forza Malizia Dance Company (FMDC) was officially incorporated in the state of New York on April 17, 2014. Since then, FMDC has developed partnerships with the Hispanic Federation, THE

POINT Community Development Corporation, and Phipps Neighborhoods. FMDC premiered its inaugural show at Columbia University, performed at The Daughters of Jacob Nursing Home, El Museo del Barrio's 'Super Sabado' Block party, P.S. 188x, La Casa Azul, and staged three original productions at the Julia De Burgos Latino Cultural Center. FMDC is a culturally-rooted, community-minded, multi-genre dance company whose goal is to share the art of dance with ALL people. We strive to do everything with purpose, passion, and FORZA (Italian meaning 'strength').

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MUSIC / FRI, JUNE 24 / NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE

## FREELANCE

**Freelance; A sound, lifestyle and movement**

Freelance is an American band based in Harlem, NY. By design, the name itself is the best way to define their genre, considering they are not committed to any specific music style. Their sound is Freelance. The band currently consists of founding leaders, Tim "Smithson" Smith (Vocals) and Chad Selph (Keyboards), along with Craig Hill (saxophone), Yasser Tejeda (guitar), Justin Tyson (drums), and David Ginyard (bass). Through a new progressive sound, they intend to uplift spirits and raise awareness, while exuding a familiar energy that people can relate to. They intend to inspire their audience to live freely and pursue their passions; to "Live Freelance."

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## GARY CONGER

### Harlem views painted from my 9th floor windows!

Gary Conger is a contemporary artist who lives and paints on the 9th floor of his Harlem apartment. When the original inspiration to be an artist struck, he signed up for a life drawing class at the School of Visual Arts because he wanted to draw and paint people. While waiting for the first live models to show up he began to make oil paintings of the New York "rooftscape" with its many water towers, skylights and windows, as well as landscapes focusing on Central Park, Morningside Park and the trees of Marcus Garvey Park. Gary Conger lives with his beautiful wife, who is also his muse. Panoramic sunsets are seen from their home almost every day, and they are complemented by some of Conger's favorite cityscape subjects.

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## GRUPO DESCARRILAO

**NYC style Salsa Dura, Cumbia, Bachata, and Latin Jazz, mixed with electric guitar.**

Fronted by gifted vocalist Jose Candelaria from the Dominican Republic, and led by pianist Victor Rendon, Grupo Descarrilao is a 7-piece salsa band born out of the Latin Music Program at "The Harbor Conservatory Of Performing Arts" in Spanish Harlem. The band's sound is based in the long tradition of highly percussive and syncopated Afro-Cuban music and reflects the fusion of African American and Latino music in Harlem and NYC in the



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1950's, 60's, 70's, and 80's, and their accomplishments bringing Latin music to an international audience. Mixed with electric guitar sounds reminiscent of Jimi Hendrix and Carlos Santana, Descarrilao plays music by artists like Hector Lavoe, Celia Cruz, and Eddie Palmieri, as well as original music.

   Grupo Descarrilao

THEATER / SUN, JUNE 26 / SECOND STAGE

## HARLEM SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Harlem School of the Arts Legacy Arts Ensemble features West African story telling techniques and traditions, encompassing acting, song, movement, language, and percussion. An elective of the Theatre program at Harlem School of the Arts, the Legacy Arts Ensemble is directed by Tracy Johnson featuring Khary Matthews,

drums. For more information on music, dance, theatre, and visual arts course offering please visit [www.HSAnyc.org](http://www.HSAnyc.org).

MUSIC / SUN, JUNE 26 / SECOND STAGE

## IKHLAQ HUSSAIN

**"Sitar player Ikhlaq Hussain played a virtuosic raga" New York Times**

Ikhlaq Hussain's roots in the Delhi Gharana (school) of classical music date back eight centuries to the legendary Sufi Saint Hazrat Amir Khusrao. Ikhlaq's rigorous musical education was acquired from his father Ustad Imdad Hussain and subsequently from the renowned Pandit Ravi Shankar in New Delhi India in 1991. He completed a residency at the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art (DDFIA) at Shangri La, Hawai'i in November

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2014. He presented his solo performance at the Lincoln Center Out of Doors Heritage Sunday Festival in August 2015. His most recent performances at the Rubin Museum of Art were sold out shows.

 [ikhlaq.hussain.739](#)

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THEATER / SAT-SUN, JUNE 25-26 / HVA

## INDIO MELENDEZ

**Monologist, Actor, Writer, Poet  
and Visual Artist**

Indio Melendez was born and raised in New York City, and is an actor, poet, writer and visual artist. He is Desert Storm Veteran with a Bachelors in Social Work. Winner of the 2011 Downtown Urban Theater Festival for INDIOSYNCRASY, Remixed, Theater credits include: Manchild Dilemma, written and Performed by Indio. Slanguage, Barcelo con Hielo, Banjee. T.V. Credits Season 2, Orange is the New Black, Law and Order S.V.U. Film: Eli Moran, Hallelujah, El Tumbe, Sucka Punch, Dead Canaries. Indio is happy to be part of HAF2016.

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VISUAL ARTS / SAT-SUN JUNE 25-26 / GALLERY WALK

## JARRETT KEY

**Multidisciplinary Artist**

Born and raised in Seale, AL, Jarrett Key is a Brooklyn-based multidisciplinary artist, who investigates the relationship between traditional visual art and performance practices by integrating movement, music, and heightened language. Jarrett's creative pursuits have led to performances and exhibitions in NYC, Brooklyn, Boston and

Shanghai. He is currently the Assistant to the Associate Producer at The Public Theater and the producing director of Codify Art, a multidisciplinary collective of queer artists of color. Jarrett is a graduate of Brown University, where he studied Public Policy and Theater Arts.

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MUSIC, DANCE / SAT, JUNE 25 / MAIN STAGE

## JAZZ AIN'T DEAD®

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Produced and choreographed by Candice Michelle Franklin, Jazz Ain't Dead® is a young urban jazz music and dance collective that performs house, acid, funk, and soul songs with an urban jazz sensibility. Featuring live dancers, singers, musicians, poets, and live DJ, Jazz Ain't Dead's signature sound is taking popular classical jazz standards and re-igniting them into house, acid jazz, Latin, funk, and soul. Also in repertory are contemporary and Nu Jazz covers, original works, and straight ahead classics. Principal music arrangements are by Chris Rob (MD for Roberta Flack/John Legend/Kanye West). Musical Direction is by Lafayette Harris, Jr. (Conductor Bring in Da' Noise/Funk/Color Purple).

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MUSIC / SAT, JUNE 25 / SECOND STAGE

## JAZZE BELLE

### Harlem-based Electronic soul thats all about the vibes

Jazze Belle is a Harlem-based electronic-soul duo comprised of producer/instrumentalist Jett Carter and singer/songwriter Taylor Simone. With influences ranging from Flying Lotus to Jill Scott, and of course, Outkast, the two share a sound influenced by jazzy vocals, honest lyrics, and edgy, hip-hop production. However, the two aren't too fond of labeling their music; they prefer to create whatever feels most authentic to them. In the words of music publication No Smoking Media, their work is, "...a cool sort of future-funk/neo-soul/I'm-sick-of-making-up-genres category that is all of them and none of them at once." All of their influences can be heard in their first two releases "Jagged Edge" and "SCW," or Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda.

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DANCE / SUN, JUNE 26 / MAIN STAGE

## JP DANCE GROUP

### JP Dance Group blends dance and drama to create moving narratives that entertain, educate & inspire.

JP Dance Group was founded by choreographer/director Julie Petrusak. Petrusak earned her degree from the Ailey/Fordham B.F.A. in Dance Program after studying extensively at the Maryland Youth Ballet. In December 2015 she choreographed and directed JP Dance Group's "Dance the World Nutcracker Festival" which was chosen for MetroNY's top five alternative nutcrackers. Since 2013, the company has performed for Riverbank State Park's Young People's Performance Series, The

Riverside Theater, The Series Festival, Fashion Week 2013 and other venues in NYC.

   jpdancegroup

[www.jpdancegroup.org](http://www.jpdancegroup.org)

MUSIC / SUN, JUNE 26 / MAIN STAGE

## JS WILLIAMS

Trumpeter/Composer JS Williams' music blends funk and soul with jazz to create a vibrant sound that resonates. His musical influences range from Beethoven to John Coltrane to The Roots. A New York City native, Williams began honing his skills at the Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts. He continued his education at The New School. While there, he studied under trumpet greats: Cecil Bridgewater, Jimmie Owens, and Valery Ponomarev. Since receiving his Master's Degree at Queens College under the acclaimed trumpeter/arranger Michael Philip Mossman, Williams has performed with the many renowned Jazz orchestras. JS Williams continues to study, educate, and perform music around the world.

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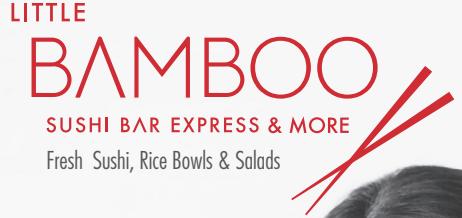
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MUSIC / SAT, JUNE 25 / SECOND STAGE

## JULES AND THE JINKS

### If Soul, Pop, and R&B had a threesome, their baby would sound like Jules and The Jinks.

Jules and The Jinks is the brain child of first-generation native New Yorkers Julissa Lopez and Erik Rosenberg. The two were united by their love of Otis Redding, Etta James, and Led Zeppelin. Though they flirt with various genres from Blues, to Funk, to Afro-Pop and Jazz, the music of Jules and The Jinks is



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best described as Soul. Lopez and Rosenberg use the characters, story lines, and melodies of their songs to evoke familiar yet powerful emotions. Jules and The Jinks self-released their eponymous debut EP on November 7th. AFROPUNK has described the record as “effortlessly chill” and declared the EP’s lead single, No Compromise, “a song that deserves to be blaring from car speakers while driving through borough blocks.”

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VISUAL ARTS / SAT-SUN JUNE 25-26 / GALLERY WALK

**LISA DUBOIS**

**Lisa's work has been sold to  
people worldwide. She has  
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Lisa DuBois was born in New York City, NY where she developed a love of photography on the streets of the big city. Lisa freelanced for the Village Voice, New York Post, Black American and news stock agencies photographing celebrities and events. Her work on Mardi Gras subculture is sold to collectors around the world through the Sutton Gallery in New Orleans. Lisa has curated several exhibits in NYC bringing together talented photographers to express themselves. According to Lisa, she finds inspiration from old black and white films, artwork and the work of great photographers such as Sebastião Salgado, Diane Arbus, James Van der Zee and Vivian Maier. Lisa hopes her imagery connects others with alternative lifestyles.

[Lisa DuBois](#)

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VISUAL ARTS / SAT-SUN JUNE 25-26 / GALLERY WALK

## MARCUS LESLIE

### In the future art will be the immaterial.

Marcus Leslie has a love for painting that you would find in an infant loving the first steps of life. He goes about his work in a whimsical fashion, seemingly effortless but the outcome of his work is intuitive with a unique depth to his craft. He states “remember how you felt drawing as a child” approach a canvas in that same way, with playful awareness.

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VISUAL ARTS / SAT-SUN JUNE 25-26 / GALLERY WALK

## NATHANIEL STEPNEY

### Harlem born artist returns to Harlem

Nathaniel Stepney's passion for art began while growing up in Harlem NY and later on in S.I. At this young age he spent countless hours developing his gift enjoying the vibrant colors, sounds and vibe of the city. While attending Roberto Clemente school for Music and Art he excelled and then, “Boom!” The birth of hip hop where rap was the sound, street dancing was the move, tagging and doing pieces (ie. Murals) brought respect. At this point his discipline of figure drawing merged with the street and he has remained true to this style. He uses life's journey as a muse and creates masterpieces while using various mediums. He's respected in the art community, and by art collectors as an artist with subject matter relevant to the times.

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MUSIC / SUN, JUNE 26 / SECOND STAGE

## NOËL SIMONÉ BAND OF FRIENDS NYC

### One Love!

Noël Simoné Band of Friends is a New York City based jazz , bossa nova, soul and funk group performing in the NYC Metropolitan Area. Previous performances have taken place at Chocolat Restaurant, Paris Blues, Cafe Noctambulo, Caffe Vivaldi, Newark New Jersey International Airport, Silvana and SHRINE, Gin Fizz, Tsion Cafe and Rockwood Music Hall in NYC, to name a few venues. Started in Winter 2013 with a group of friends as a jazz jam band with various musicians from the NYC area, the band consists of vocals, drums, woodwind and brass, bass, piano, and guitar. They perform collectively on a regular basis in the Harlem community.

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MUSIC / SAT, JUNE 25 / SECOND STAGE

## RIKI STEVENS

### Music has the power to resurrect.

Riki Stevens earned a reputation of delivering performances that serenade the soul with her captivating vocals. Riki infuses exceptional musical instinct into her deep admiration for blues, folk & neo-soul. Her mesmerizing sound provides clarity onto why invitations to collaborate have stemmed from the likes of Pharohe Monch, legendary rapper, Pitchblak Brass Band & Renee Neufville, from the R&B duo Zhané. Watch Riki perform at Nabe Underground in Harlem every 4th Thursday from 7-10pm.

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DANCE / SUN, JUNE 26 / SECOND STAGE

## S.M.A DANCE ACADEMY

**“Developing dancers one step at a time.”**

Stephenni Miller-Allen was born and raised in Montclair, NJ. She obtained her Master's Degree in Dance at The American University, Washington, DC. She began her teaching career in Washington, DC. Ms. Miller-Allen is the Founder and Artistic Director of S.M.A Dance Academy, Harlem NYC. S.M.A Dance Academy provides a rigorous, culturally enriching dance training program for passionate dancers. Their goal is to use dance as a tool to enhance one's commitment to excellence, to build self-confident and disciplined dancers. Ms. Miller-Allen is proud to present, Pre-Professional dancers; Camille Smalls, Crystal Young and Aysha Zeme.

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## SAKINA IBRAHIM

**NAACP Image Award**

**Nominated Author, Speaker and Empowerment Facilitator**

Sakina is the author of NAACP Image Award nominated book of Big Words to Little Me: Advice to the younger self, an educator and performer. She received her Bachelors of Fine Arts from The University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA and a Masters of Fine Arts from The University of

California, Irvine. Her performance credits include Pan African Film Festival, The Fall of The Kings, Beauty Shop the Play, Bayside the Musical, Ngugi Wa Thiogo's Trial of Dedan Kimathi and more. She has worked for The Dance Theatre of Harlem Westchester Community College and is currently traveling and facilitating empowerment workshops based on her book Big Words to Little Me.

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MUSIC / FRI, JUNE 24 / NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE

## SAMIRA GIBSON

**“Big things come in small packages”**

From Harlem by way of South Carolina, Samira Gibson truly captures the essence of the soul inspirational artist she is. Samira is a entertainer who sings, song writes and creative directs among many other things. She has had the pleasure of working with some of the industry's legends such as Chaka Khan, Mary J. Blige, Queen Latifah, Ashford & Simpson and more. Currently, Samira is proud to introduce her latest EP entitled, “Reflections of Mira.”

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SPOKEN WORD / SAT, JUNE 25 / HVA

## SEYMONE KELLY

**Just a woman finding her place in the world.**

Seymone Kelly found her love for music and writing at a young age. Through both, she found her voice. She continued her love for writing by getting her Bachelor's Degree

SATURDAY

# JUNE 25, 2016

## MAIN STAGE

## SECOND STAGE

3:00PM	 WARM UP W/ DJ FLY TY 3:00-3:30PM	 AMMA WHATT 3:00-3:30PM
3:30PM	 ANU~SUN 3:30-4:15PM	
4:00PM	 SHAREEF KEYES & THE GROOVE 4:15-4:45PM	 JULES AND THE JINKS 4:00-4:30PM
4:30PM		 BRIA MONET 4:45-5:15PM
5:00PM	 BILLY DEAN THOMAS 5:00-5:30PM	
5:30PM	 FORZA MALIZIA DANCE COMPANY 5:45-6:05PM	 RIKI STEVENS 5:30-6:00PM
6:00PM		 JAZZE BELLE 6:15-6:45PM
6:30PM	 ZEST COLLECTIVE 6:30-7:00PM	
7:00PM	 JAZZ AIN'T DEAD 7:15-7:45PM	
7:30PM		
8:00PM	 TIMOTHY BLOOM 8:00-8:30PM	

## HARLEM VILLAGE ACADEMIES KIDS' CORNER GALLERY WALK

 <b>INDIO MELENDEZ</b> 3:00-3:45PM	 <b>HARLEM IDEAS FOR ALL AGES!</b> 4:30-5:30PM	<b>AYO JANEEN JACKSON</b> <b>DC PRODUCTIONS</b> <b>D. MYNTIA DANIELS</b> <b>ELAN HI-ART</b> <b>GARY CONGER</b> <b>JARRETT KEY</b> <b>LISA DUBOIS</b> <b>NATHANIEL STEPNEY</b> <b>WE ARE THE ART</b> <b>PROJECT</b> <b>VICKIE FREMONT</b>
 <b>TMTC HARLEM NIGHTS</b> 5:45-6:30PM	 <b>HARLEM IDEAS FOR ALL AGES!</b> 5:30-6:30PM	3:00-7:00PM
 <b>TMTC HARLEM NIGHTS</b> 7:15-8:00PM		

SUNDAY

# JUNE 26, 2016

## MAIN STAGE

## SECOND STAGE

3:00PM	 WHITNEY MARCHELLE & FRIENDS	
3:30PM	3:00-3:30PM	 S.M.A. DANCE ACADEMY 3:30-3:45PM
4:00PM	 BRAXTON COOK 4:00-4:30PM	 HARLEM SCHOOL OF THE ARTS 3:45-4:00PM
4:30PM	 JS WILLIAMS	 DILEMASTRONAUTA 4:15-4:45PM
5:00PM	4:45-5:15PM	 GRUPO DESCARRILAO W/ BALLROOM BASIX 5:00-5:30PM
5:30PM	 SHOUTHOUSE 5:30-6:00PM	 IKHLAQ HUSSEIN 5:45-6:15PM
6:00PM	 BLACK BOYS DANCE TOO 6:15-6:35PM	
6:30PM	 JP DANCE GROUP 6:35-7:00PM	 NOËL SIMONÉ BAND OF FRIENDS NYC 6:30-7:00PM
7:00PM	 VON XON PRESENTS NEMA 7:15-7:45PM	
7:30PM		
8:00PM	 SOUL STEPS 8:00-8:30PM	

## HARLEM VILLAGE ACADEMIES

## KIDS' CORNER

## GALLERY WALK

 INDIO MELENDEZ  
3:30-4:45PM

 GROOVE WITH ME  
HIP-HOP CLASS  
3:15-4:00PM

AYO JANEEN JACKSON

 SAKINA IBRAHIM  
5:00-5:30PM

 IMAGINE + MOVE  
W/ RIKI STEVENS  
4:00-5:00PM  
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DC PRODUCTIONS

D. MYNTIA DANIELS

 CATHLEEN CAMPBELL  
6:00-7:00PM

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7:15-8:00PM

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3:00-7:00PM

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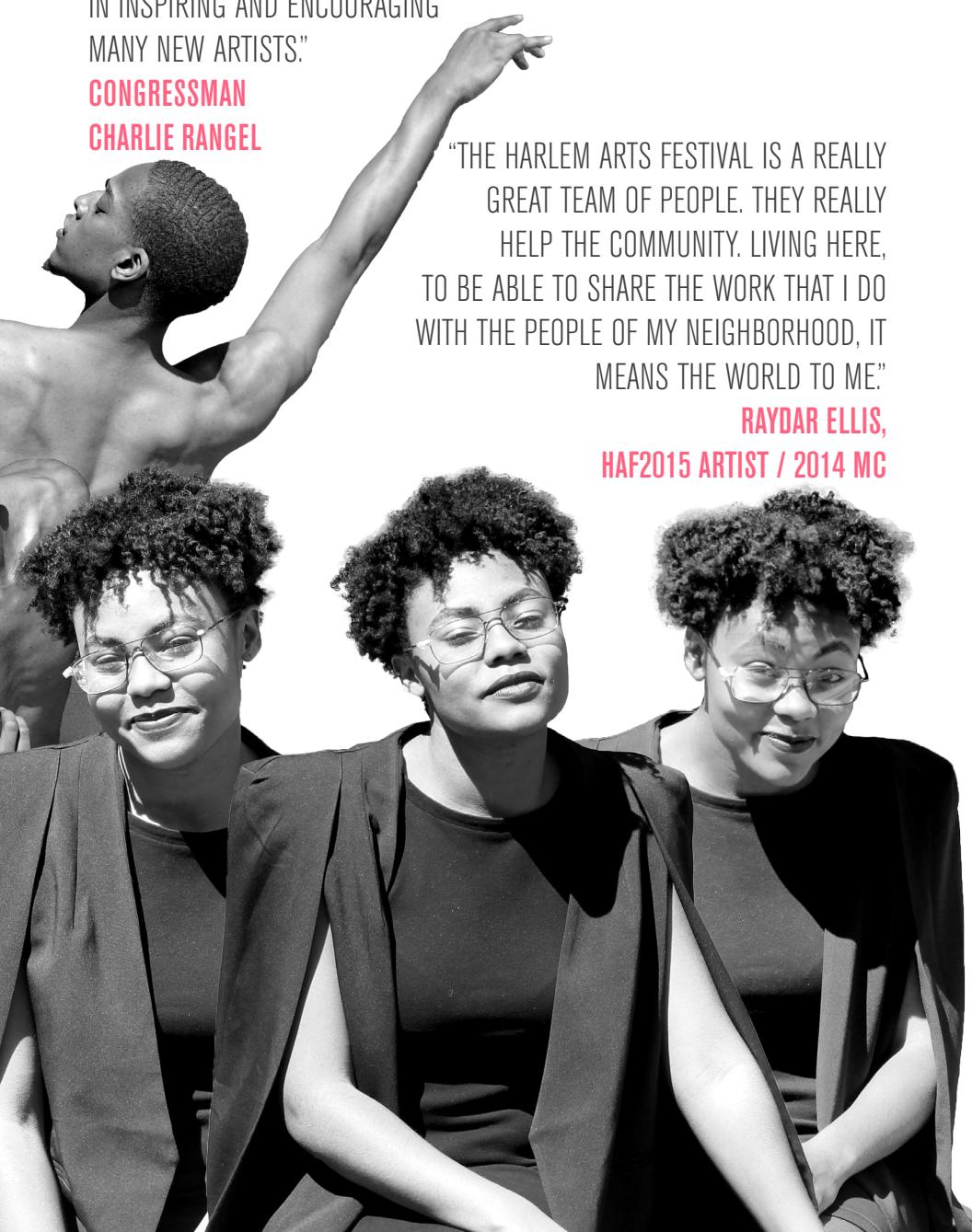
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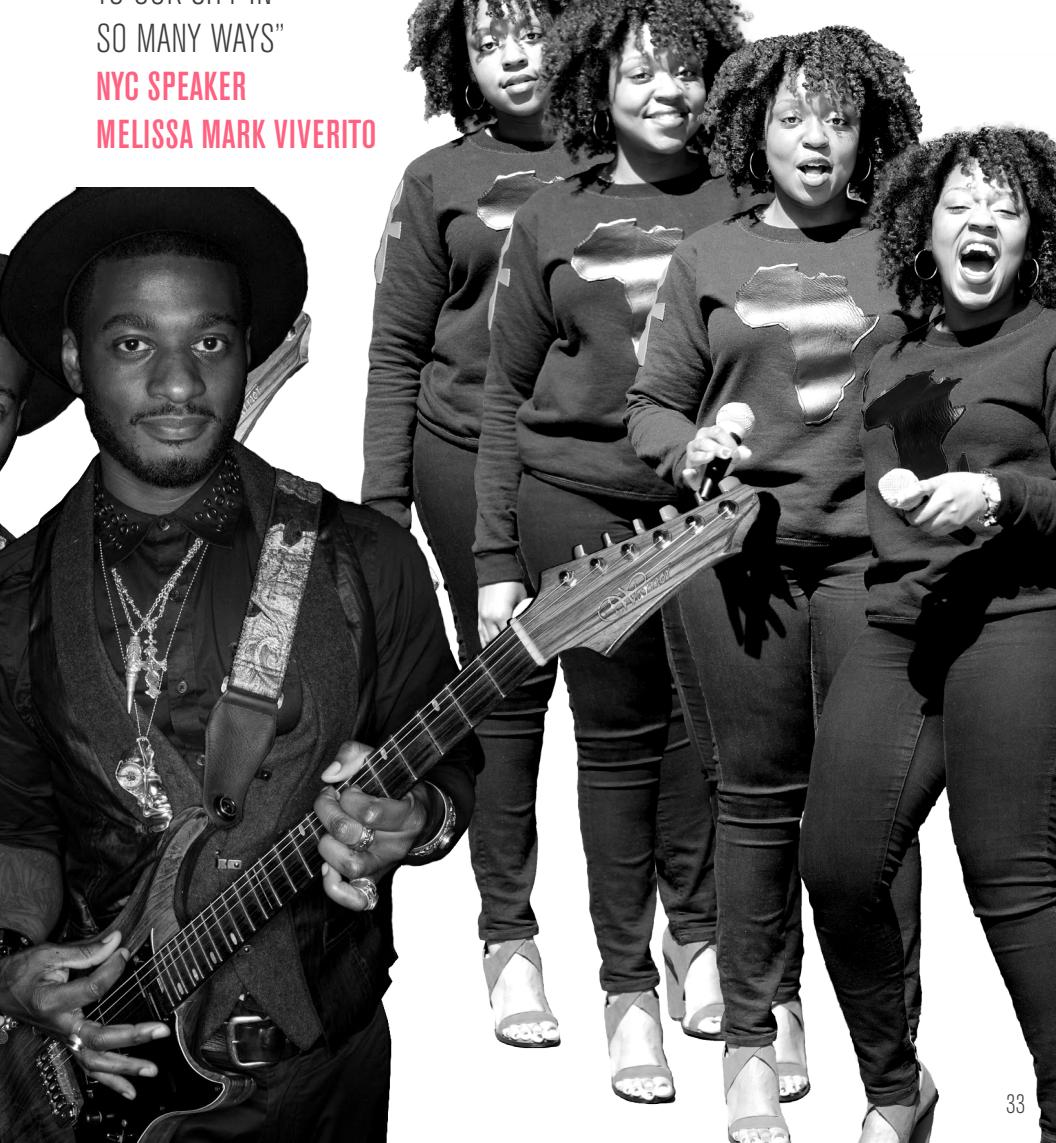
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in English/Journalism. Besides that she has interned at Global Grind, Def Jam and Sony Music. Now she writes for two websites called respectthnext.com and aahiphop.com. On her personal blog, expressionofsound.wordpress.com she has her own short story series. Seymone is currently working on her first fiction book, and performs at open mics whenever she can. Her poetry performances can be found on YouTube.com/harlemsongtress. She is determined and dedicated to making her dreams come true. She knows that one day it will all pay off.

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## SHANNON BERRY

**Shannon Berry is an artist and dancer whose love for connection is the source of her work's pulse.**

Shannon is an illustrator, performer and dot-connector whose love for storytelling and connection is shown, not only in the relatability of her work but, in her daily relationships. As she discovers art she discovers more of God. Her focus: His purpose. With that she knows her life, her art, is not her own. Her degree in Illustration from Parsons The New School is only a testament to that purpose. She recently got a bike so whenever the sun's out you can find her in the streets taking all of life in.

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MUSIC / SAT, JUNE 25 / MAIN STAGE

## SHAREEF KEYES & THE GROOVE

**Shareef Keyes & The Groove**  
delivering the funk!!!

Cooking Something features a new sonic climate curated by Shareef Keyes and his older brother Glo. Similar to their work on his debut EP Electronic Fox, the sibling duo spent countless hours at their private family-owned studio in midtown Manhattan honing a new sound that mixes Motown and jazz-funk fused with a hard hip-hop undertone. In addition to his production team, the crooner hand-selected a team of NYC's finest instrumentalists to round out his band The Groove. As if the Cooking Something LP doesn't sound savory enough, Shareef has also confirmed a feature from hip-hop legend Ghostface Killah on the offering.

 Shareef Keyes & The Groove

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## SHOUTHOUSE

**“...a whole new form of expression” - The Culture Trip**

ShoutHouse is a collective of fifteen musicians dedicated to the creation of new music that draws from the rhythms and poetry of hip-hop, the spontaneity of jazz, and the structures and textures of contemporary classical music. They are inspired by the breadth of NYC art and music, frequently collaborating with rappers, poets, world musicians, improvisers, and classically trained instrumentalists and singers. Their self-titled, debut album was released in February 2015 and was featured on WNYC's New Sounds and the I Care If You Listen Mixtape.

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SPOKEN WORD / SAT, JUNE 25 / HVA

## SMOOVE BABII

**I need all eyes and ears on me while we speak.**

Alphonso Kenny is better known as Smoove Babii, is a twenty-six-year old rising poet from the Bronx. He uses words to paint the realness of observations from his surroundings. He writes to give his readers an outlet and is inspired by his readers.

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DANCE / SUN, JUNE 26 / MAIN STAGE

## SOUL STEPS

**We. Speak. Rhythm.**

Soul Steps, using the body as a percussive instrument, embraces the rich African-American tradition known as “stepping” to explore the language of rhythm. The company has performed and taught nationally and internationally, presenting its work to communities from Brooklyn to Paris and beyond. Founded in 2005 and based in New York City, Soul Steps shows off complex bodywork, and engages the audience in an interactive performance that is a hip-hop infused, rhythmic jam session.

 Soul Steps

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## THE MOVEMENT THEATRE COMPANY

TMTC Harlem Nights: Laugh Out Loud is TMTC's newest addition to the Harlem Nights series, where

TMTC presents non-traditional performances in partnership with Harlem businesses. LAUGH OUT LOUD will highlight the fast growing comedy groups of color that live uptown! From sketch comedy to improv, these groups can do it all. TMTC will partner with the Harlem Arts Festival to present this brand new event at Harlem Village Academies on June 25th and 26th.

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### **TIMOTHY BLOOM**

**Rock and Soul artist with music  
that transcends genres and  
touches hearts**

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**One team. One Dream. One  
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### **WHITNEY MARCHELLE & FRIENDS**

**Fearless scat soulful scorched  
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& swing**

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## VICKIE FREMONT

**someone who likes to opens door  
to others**

Vickie Frémont is an artist, designer and anthropologist with dual background - Cameroonian mother and French father. She's has lived between two different cultures, two worlds and speaks several languages. She has traveled widely, and her formal education includes degrees in anthropology, language, teaching, as well as applied and fine arts. She has an abiding passion for the arts, culture and music of Africa. For her entire career she has worked to improve the knowledge base as a teacher, artist and designer. Her art can be perhaps best categorized as bridging of cultures, she is someone who opens doors and makes it possible to discover our creativity. [www.theepochtimes.com/n3/1305524-my-hands-my-tools-bringing-art-to-the-people/](http://www.theepochtimes.com/n3/1305524-my-hands-my-tools-bringing-art-to-the-people/)

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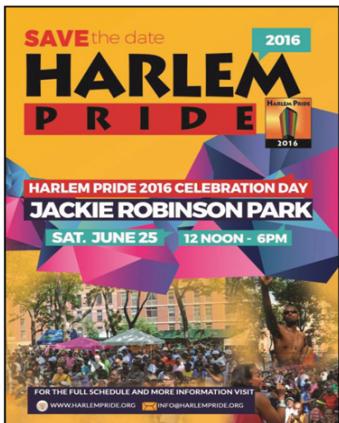
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# ABOUT OUR **KIDS' CORNER**

## **ARTETALLERISMO**

Artetallerismo is an Artistic Initiation space located in Mexico City. Ana Maria Ortiz and Margarita Georgina Posada both have a Masters in Visual Arts from UNAM. Independent visual artists, dedicated to photography and painting respectively, joined by the conviction that arts education is essential for the formation of any human being, which undoubtedly contributes to building a prosperous and healthy society.

## **BALLROOM BASIX**

Ballroom Basix™ is a noncompetitive, arts-in-education initiative headquartered in Harlem that is committed to the development of students' social and fitness skills through the fundamentals of Ballroom and Latin dancing.

## **CREATIVE ART WORKS**

Creative Art Works (CAW) is a nonprofit that provides arts experiences for youth of Upper Manhattan who otherwise lack access. CAW's put creative art to work, helping young people develop the personal and professional skills to

meaningfully shape their futures for the better.

## **GROOVE WITH ME**

Groove With Me, Inc. is a youth development organization using free dance classes and performance opportunities as a tool to instill in young women the leadership, pride, spirit of cooperation, creativity, joy and discipline needed to confront the adversity in their daily lives and throughout their future development. The program seeks to decrease teen pregnancy, truancy, crime, violence, prostitution, substance abuse and gang related activity by nurturing youth, building self-confidence, offering positive choices, and providing a safe place to go.

## **LAUNDROMAT PROJECT**

Laundromat Project is a community-centered arts education initiative that provides hands-on art workshops and public programs at local laundromats and other community spaces in Harlem, Bedford-Stuyvesant, and Hunts Point.

## **RIKI STEVENS**

With a degree in psychology from Nyack College, Ms. Stevens has always been fascinated with child development and very concerned with the well-being of youth. Riki's experience comes from years of experience in counseling, working for non-profits (such as Coalition for Hispanic Family Services, H.E.L.P Prevention Services Inc. NEON Inc), and most recently, at the Harlem Children's Zone. Riki has discovered a natural talent to use dance/movement to help children, express their feelings, reduce stress, increase self esteem and healthy body image, and better their social-emotional skills.

Riki will be leading a creative movement workshop called "Imagine and Move," exploring active imagination. Participants will play and open their imaginations to be anything and everything, learning more about the world, themselves and others through their bodies. Children will explore emotions, thoughts, concepts and will do it in a socially positive environment.

## **RUTH & VIORIS ARTS INC.**

Ruth & Vioris Arts Inc. designs arts & STEM projects that create awareness, encourage participation, and support creative exploration. At the fest, kids will explore sound using an interactive touch board and create a basic electric circuit with LED Lights.

Ruth & Vioris will lead a workshop entitled, "Art in Motion." Can a jump rope generate electricity? Discover how kinetic energy can be used to create art that moves. Imagine creative ways you can add motion to your art projects.

## **STUDIO MUSEUM**

The Studio Museum in Harlem is proud to participate in the fifth annual Harlem Arts Festival for a consecutive year in presenting an all-ages workshop inspired by Alma Thomas, a solo exhibition of the abstract-expressionist painter co-organized with the Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery. Led by a Museum teaching artist, this year's workshop will be hosted outdoors, and invites participants from 125th Street to explore Thomas' signature style of abstraction, line and pattern using bright primary colors through personalized tote making. Using the natural world as inspiration and drawing upon her rhythmic use of watercolors and negative space, participants will engage in mosaic/mandala production onto tote canvas.

## **UNDERGROUND BOOKS**

Underground Books Presents: Creating your own unique Harlem Renaissance Chapbook. Underground Books a local Harlem Poetry Publishing House is giving a unique opportunity to teach members of the community, youth or anyone interested in poetry

publishing an opportunity to create their own simple chapbook as a keepsake from the Harlem Arts Festival. Poetry will be chosen by the individual out of a diverse selection of Harlem Renaissance Poetry. All elements of the chapbook shall be picked by each person to reflect their own unique chapbook making experience and their visit to the festival. Underground Books will also be hosting its own Poetry Festival on Saturday September 3rd, The Jackie Robinson Poetry Day. We will be encouraging all that make it out to our

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Chapbook Creation Station to also feel free to sign up and perform at our open mic celebration later this year.

## WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT THE 2016 HARLEM ARTS FESTIVAL



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## FOOD/LOCAL

# VENDORS

### ANDY'S ITALIAN ICES

Andys Italian Ices is a gourmet food truck serving 45 flavors of water and creme Italian ices. The unique thing about Andy's ices is that they only use fresh fruit and the finest purees. Their creme ices give you the same taste and texture as a gelato but is still dairy free. This makes their ices a good option for anyone with food allergies or lactose issues. Andy's also has a full coffee and espresso bar (serving hot or iced beverages), a fresh fruit smoothie bar and frozen coffee drinks.

### BROADWAY COMMUNITY

Broadway Community believes that transformation begins and is sustained around the table, where all who enter its doors are invited to sit together and share healthy, delicious meals served with warm hospitality. Broadway Community provides four-course, restaurant-style soup kitchen thrice weekly for its neighbors, a fresh vegetable and fruit pantry for families to prepare meals in their homes, on-site medical care and a variety of social services, and a job training program for those seeking to enter the food service industry.

### CUBITART

Decor For U creates decorated boxes, containers and jewelry in all shapes and styles. For #HAF2016 handmade necklaces, magnets, key chains, decorated boxes and containers, and crystals will be available.

### GREEDY POT

Greedy Pot is a “new” fusion Caribbean/Soul Food catering company. Bringing favorable mixtures of both culture to your plate, Greedy Pot’s specialties are its Grilled Smoked Jerk Chicken, Coconut Rice & Peas, Creamy Four Cheese Macaroni & Cheese along with a number of specialty tropical drinks.

### HARLEM DANCE CLUB

Harlem Dance Club (HDC) aims to serve the Harlem community by offering dance workshops, performance opportunities and dance lifestyle to its neighbors, while also attracting artists from other parts of the city to spend time here. HDC offers programming and classes so unique in their low cost and accessibility, participants travel from Brooklyn, Queens, The Bronx and New Jersey to join our uptown classes

and rehearsals. With HDC, your style is challenged and complemented as you dance along side an eclectic group representing varied ages and diverse training backgrounds. HDC's debut work was a 2013 audience selection winner at the DANCENOW NYC Festival. 2015 performance opportunities included Live Dance Live at La Tea Teatro, The Get Down at Cielo, CHERYL at The Bellhouse, and Dance Cartel's ONTHEFLOOR at The Ace Hotel.

## HARLEM WEEK

Harlem Week began in 1974 as Harlem Day, a day of encouragement and fellowship in Harlem for New Yorkers. Given the huge success of the celebration, more days were added to showcase the community's rich economic, political and cultural history. Celebrating its 40th year in 2014, Harlem Week offers over 100 events throughout the summer to over 2 million attendees from all over New York and the world. Harlem Week celebrates the neighborhood's assets and unique flavor, promoting Harlem's rich African, African-American, Caribbean, Hispanic and European history, culture, arts, religion, entertainment and sports.

## IRIS MAYA

Iris Maya is an ornate, organic lifestyle brand who offers exclusive handmade and

custom jewelry design, as well as unique vintage curations.

## JAMROCK JERK & REGGAE SLUSH

Jamrock Jerk & Reggae Slush (JJRS) is a Jamaican food establishment, specializing in Jerked Chicken, Escovitched Fish, Oxtail, Roast/Boiled Corn (the Jamaican way) and other specialty Jamaican cuisine. JJRS features a signature drink known as the "Reggae Slush:" a fruit punch, pineapple, and lemon lime frozen drink/slush mixture ideal to keep a "Cool and Irie" festival vibe in summer months.

## JUPITER STUDIO

"I like to keep my art down to earth, soulful and funky. Expressionism with an urban edge that people can not only relate to but have access to. When it comes to my art, I love hats and bright colors." Often inspired by fashion and the flowing shape of vases, Jupiter Studio's work is far from serious and can be just as silly as its creator. From colorful acrylic paintings to black and white mixed media prints adorned with up-cycled fabrics, the work celebrates the love of life, dreaming, long summer days, friendship, roots, learning and positive growth. Each piece of art carries with it a moment, thought or emotion, through its vibrant liveliness and movement, concentrating in the area of all things positive. Everything is and always will be painted in a positive light.

## KAPTURE KINETICS

Kapture Kinetics was founded in 2016 by Victor V. Jones and Michelle Alerte. They seek to provide the New York City metro area with photo booth services at music festivals, sporting events, showers, weddings, proms and many more events. Find them @ KaptureKinetics on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## LITTLE BAMBOO

Little Bamboo opened in January 2016, after Jimmy and Jodi (our founders) returned to NYC from the tropical Caribbean island of St. Maarten. Created on St. Maarten 15 years ago, Little Bamboo is an offshoot of Bamboo and Little Bamboo St. Maarten, both of which serve award-winning Sushi and Rice Bowls. Melding traditional and exotic flavors to offer innovative Sushi rolls infused with Caribbean tastes, Little Bamboo Harlem features an extensive wine selection, exotic and craft beers on tap, and unique Asian-inspired cocktails. On weekends, Le Bar features live music, sampling a wide range of sound as likely to contain Latin riffs as it is global beats.

## A'MAZE AFRIKA

A'Maze Africa offers African inspired accessories including bags, purses, jewelry, and apparel.

## MR. CORY'S COOKIES

Cory, also known as the "Cookie CEO," launched Mr. Cory's Cookies a few years ago to raise money to get his mom a new car. His business savvy caught the attention of Ellen Degeneres and she made his dreams a reality. Since then, not only was Cory able to get his mom a new car, he's been able to launch a successful consumer brand. Mr. Cory's Cookies are made from all-natural and high-quality, organic ingredients, appealing to today's health conscious consumers. It has been featured on ABC7NY, PIX11, BuzzFeed, Huffington Post, CBS News, New York Daily News, and more. The media has been captivated by Cory's drive to succeed, friendly personality and heartwarming smile.

## MUSEUM OF NEW YORK

The Museum of the City of New York celebrates and interprets the city, educating the public about its distinctive character, especially its heritage of diversity, opportunity, and perpetual transformation. Founded in 1923 as a private, nonprofit corporation, the Museum connects the past, present, and future of New York City. It serves the people of New York and visitors from around the world through exhibitions, school and public programs, publications, and collections. #LostinOldNY allows New Yorkers to "transport themselves back in time" to NYC locations that aren't around anymore through

the medium of photography, thus allowing people another way to engage with the history of their city.

## RADIO ROOKIES

For teens, by teens, about the challenges of teen life. WNYC gives students the tools and training to tell their own stories. Produced by WNYC Studios. WNYC is a media partner of Harlem Arts Festival

## SEXY TACO/DIRTY CASH

Sexy Taco/Dirty Cash is the newest offering of authentic San Francisco street food right in the heart of Harlem.

## SOMA FASHION

SOMA Fashion is unique collection of beach bags, bags, shoes, clothing and home decor handmade in Africa. SOMA is a family business existing for generations. We fuse tradition and culture with style.

## SUNRISE CATERING

Sunrise Catering is a catering company specializing in Caribbean and American dishes. They are known for their exquisite offering of specialized entrees.

## T MOBILE

As America's Un-carrier, T-Mobile is redefining the way



consumers and businesses buy wireless services through leading product and service innovation. T-Mobile's advanced nationwide 4G LTE network delivers outstanding wireless experiences to more than 65.5 million customers who are unwilling to compromise on quality and value.

## THE ICE AGE

The Ice Age's founder, Angela came to the United States as a student. She has always been passionate about food, especially dessert. The beautiful ice cream rolls caught her eyes while she was traveling in Thailand, and the idea of bringing her favorite dessert to her favorite country simply sounded great to her. So here she is with the amazingly beautiful and delicious ice cream rolls.

## THE SOUTHERN COMFORT

A "traveling southern cuisine gourmet caterer" based in Hamden, CT, Southern Comfort specializes in gourmet soul food, bringing the hospitality and ambiance of the south wherever they go. They pride themselves on their friendly staff and serving every customer with a smile.

## WANG'S CRAZY POTATO

Born and raised in China, Mr. Wang is a seasonal Chinese chef specialized in Northern Chinese snacks like the famous lamb burger. However, he is also dedicated to bringing

exotic Asian street food to the States. He is currently a regular food vendor selling at Queens International Night Market, and has amassed a reputation for the special tater twist a.k.a. Tornado Potato he brings to the market. Before becoming a food vendor, Mr. Wang operated his own restaurant in Flushing for more than 3 years.

## WHAT IS YOUR ACCENT?

What is your ACCENT? is a distribution platform designed to showcase men's and women's bags and accessories handcrafted by international artisans of color. Its mission is to celebrate talented artisans across the African Diaspora by presenting their work to the global marketplace. What is your ACCENT? pushes creativity and expresses individual style while paying homage to African ancestry and the collective beauty of its people around the world. Be Bold. Speak Style. Go Global. What is your ACCENT?

## ZIPCAR

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# HARLEM MAP

Want to grab a drink, a quick snack, or catch a show? This map shows our selection of places to go in Harlem for everything from grocery shopping to a night out. From the most happening spots to the places with the best cocktails in town, check this list to be in the know!



# ABOUT HAF

Founded in 2010, the mission of the Harlem Arts Festival (HAF) is to provide resources, visibility and career opportunities to artists; to increase participation and engagement in the arts by the Harlem community; and to continue Harlem's artistic legacy of making art that preserves the history and develops the identity of Harlem. HAF's largest presentation, the annual Harlem Arts Festival, takes place the last weekend of June each year at the Richard Rodgers Amphitheater in Marcus Garvey Park.

HAF presents artists across genres – dance, music, theater, and visual arts – whose work contributes to the contemporary and popular dialogue of the Harlem community. Artists are added to HAF's roster through an application process, vetted by HAF's Artist Selection Committee. In addition to performing at the Harlem Arts Festival, HAF Artists are given regular opportunities to showcase their work in venues around New York City, and to conduct workshops and residencies in local schools. Artists receive career support in the form of rehearsal space, recording studio time, mentorships, and promotional assets including professional photographs and video footage of their work.

In only a few short years, the Harlem Arts Festival has showcased hundreds of artists on its two stages. HAF has garnered press from media outlets such as ABC News, The New York Times, Time Out New York, The New York Daily News, The Village Voice, Amsterdam News, Flavorpill, and more. Attendance has grown exponentially since the inaugural festival in 2012 with more than 6,000 attendees in 2014 alone. As the festival's reach continues to expand, it marks the amphitheater as a performance destination for world-class artists while cultivating local talent.

# HOW TO SUPPORT

The Harlem Arts Festival is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization, so there are many ways you can show your support! Online donations and in-kind gifts are the most effective way to support our mission. Visit us at [www.harlemartsfestival.com/support](http://www.harlemartsfestival.com/support) to make a donation online or via mail, or arrange to send us something off our wishlist. Thank you!

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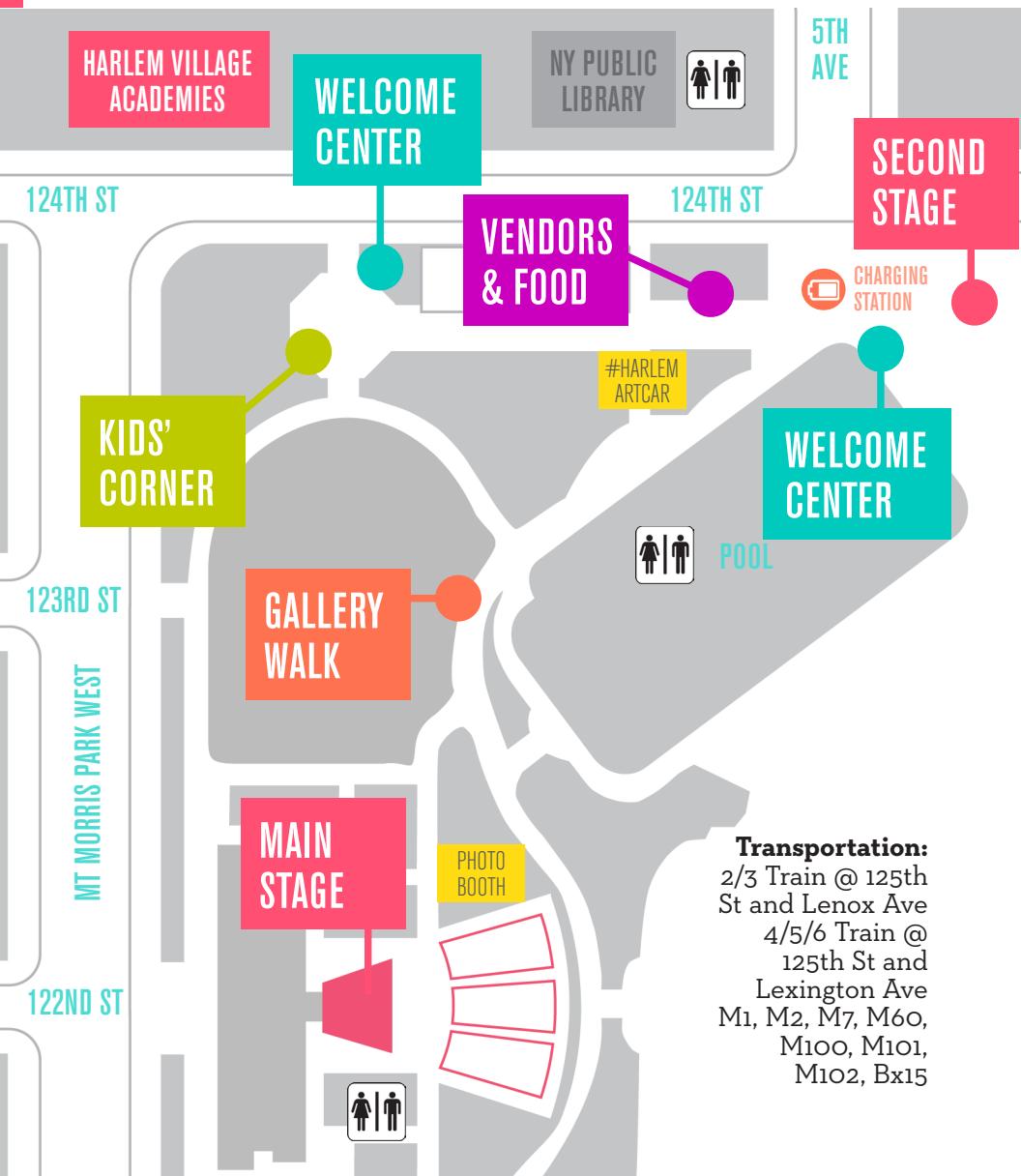
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# HAFMAP

Pick up and turn in your HAF Card at the Welcome Centers or at either of the stages for a free prize post-fest! Get it hole-punched at each performance or event, fill in your contact info at the bottom of the card, and give it to a volunteer before you leave. **Everyone will win something** and prizes range from HAF merch to original artwork and roundtrip flights on JetBlue!



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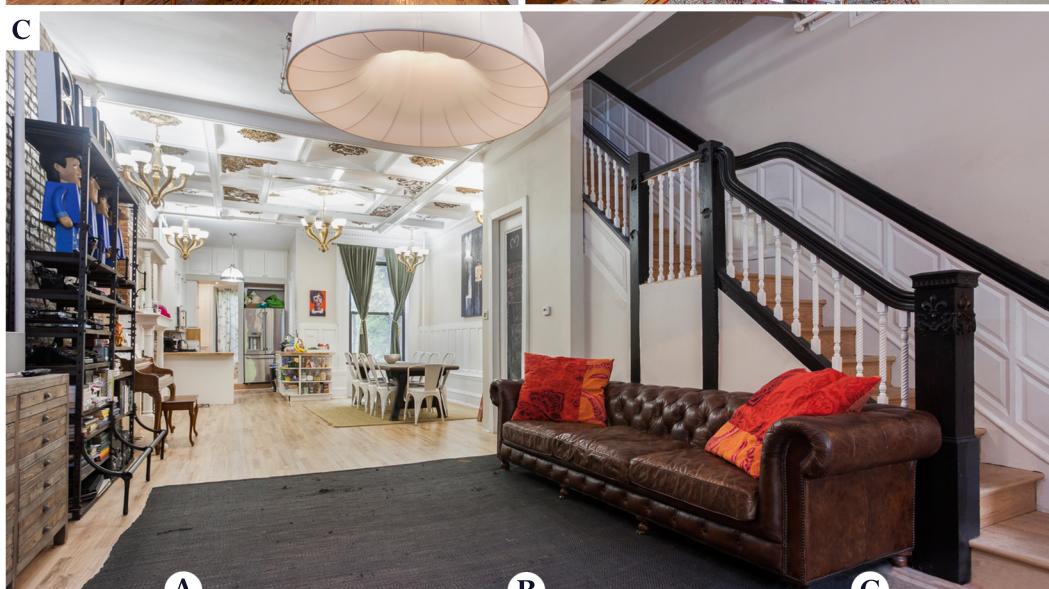
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