



JULY 2020 AT MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Museum Re-Opens on July 23rd with Outdoor Installation, *New York Responds*

Programming includes Free Virtual Offerings Including the Return of “Moonlight and Movies,” Virtual Field Trips, a Special Collaboration with Project K!d, and more

(NEW YORK, NY – July 1, 2020) – The Museum of the City of New York is excited to announce its re-opening on July 23rd and its event lineup for the month – which will feature a mix of educational and entertainment offerings, including its ongoing livestream series, “Curators from the Couch”; the return of MCNY’s signature summertime event, “Moonlight and Movies”; and the launch of a special family program series with Amanda Kingloff of Project K!d.

RE-OPENING/OUTDOOR EXHIBITION

As NYC enters Phase 3, Museum of the City of New York will begin the process of opening its doors once again. As a look back, while looking forward, MCNY will re-open with an outdoor installation, the first component of a multi-pronged project called *New York Responds*.

This overall effort will include documentation and collecting around the diverse experiences of New Yorkers during this crisis of early 2020: the COVID-19 pandemic and the uprising against systemic racism. It includes responsive online and on-site interpretative presentations reflecting on the pandemic, the protests, and envisioning New York’s future; and remote programs for adult, families, and educator audiences. The outdoor installation will include selections from the Museum’s open call for images documenting the pandemic and the protests and invite visitors to share their stories.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND LIVESTREAM DISCUSSIONS

[*Curators from the Couch: Activist New York*](#)

FREE, with registration

Join MCNY live from home in our new series, “Curators from the Couch.” Our curators will speak with artists, influencers, and more...all from the comfort of their own couches.

- **JULY 10, 1:30 PM ET:** A conversation between Puffin Foundation Curator for Social Activism **Sarah Seidman** and other historians and activists, tied to the ongoing exhibition, *Activist New York*
- **JULY 22, 1:30 PM ET:** MCNY Chief Curator **Sarah Henry** sits down with high profile figures connected to the Museum’s ongoing exhibition, *New York at Its Core*.

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[Moonlight & Movies: Doin' It in the Park with Bobbito Garcia and Kevin Couliau](#)

Monday, July 13, 6PM ET

FREE, with registration

Celebrate NYC's quintessential summer sport -- pick-up basketball -- with **Bobbito Garcia** and **Kevin Couliau**, the directors of *Doin' It In The Park: Pick-Up Basketball, New York City* (2012, 83 minutes), and basketball player **Milani Malik**. The three will sit down for a virtual conversation about the film and the City's one-of-a-kind pick-up b-ball scene – tied to MCNY's current exhibition, **[City/Game: Basketball in New York](#)**.

[Mellon Fellow Capstone Virtual Talk: Criminals Among Us? Fingerprinting and Criminal Records in 1930s New York City](#)

July 28, 5-6:30PM ET

FREE, with registration

Today, criminal background checks are a routine part of applications for many jobs, licenses, and government benefits. But for nearly a century, New Yorkers have debated whether such checks are a tool for protecting the public or a form of legalized discrimination against people with a criminal record. **Dan Ewert**, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Predoctoral Fellow, will shed light on New York City's leading role in implementing criminal background checks in the early 20th century, when organized labor, communities of color, and government officials debated the value of fingerprinting and background checks in a diverse city of strangers against the backdrop of the Great Depression and World War II. This lecture will be broadcast via Zoom. (Eligible educators attending this webinar will receive a CTLE certificate for 1.5 hours of professional development.)

FAMILIES AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

MCNY Summer Crafts Series with PROJECT K!D

Wednesdays, July 15-August 5, 1PM ET

FREE, registration recommended

Introducing a new collaboration with noted NYC craft blogger **Amanda Kingloff**, founder of **PROJECT K!D**, which is dedicated to offering families creative and inventive ways to spend unplugged time with kids. Each weekly video will include steps for creating a New York City-themed craft project using everyday materials along with fun facts from NYC history illustrated by images from the Museum's collections. These free events are great for kids and adults alike with crafts geared towards families and kids ages 7 and up.

- **JULY 15: *Frozen Treats, City Streets***: Get a virtual taste of ice cream's history in New York City, and learn how to craft make-believe frozen treats using upcycled materials and paper
- **JULY 22: *Focus on Fun***: Build a cardboard "camera" and fill it with sketched images of the city inspired by influential NYC photographers
- **JULY 29: *Animal Friends***: Hear about animals who played a role in shaping NYC and craft animal puppets from homemade materials
- **AUGUST 5: *A Wonder-ful Time***: Craft a model Coney Island Wonder Wheel from paper supplies and celebrate the 100th birthday of this iconic amusement park ride

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STUDENT AND EDUCATOR PROGRAMS

Field Trips: *Activist New York or City as Canvas*

July 13-August 21, available between 9:30am-2pm ET
\$120/program

Students can experience the Museum of the City of New York virtually this summer through visual and interactive remote-learning sessions led by museum educators. Geared towards students in grades 2–12, each program costs \$120 for a maximum of 35 student participants. Family members and caregivers are welcome to assist students from the same Zoom accounts. Advance reservations are required.

- ***Activist New York***: With a focus on racial justice, community health, and youth-led actions in New York City's history, this program provides space for students to voice their thoughts and champion the changes that they want to see. Participants will examine photographs, flyers, and protest posters from the exhibition on topics including the Movement for Black Lives, the Young Lords and Health Activism, and the Civil Rights Movement, and contribute to a collective activity capturing student voices.
- ***City as Canvas***: Explore highlights from the Museum's graffiti art collection and see original works created by legendary writers such as Daze, Lee Quiñones, Lady Pink, and Keith Haring. Participants will view sketches from artists' personal black books, photographs of large-scale pieces on subway cars, and paintings as sources for studying graffiti as a dynamic art movement. Students will respond creatively throughout by drafting their own sketches.

Educator Course: *People of New York*

July 6 – 31, involves synchronous and asynchronous learning
\$250 per person

Educators will examine how the individual choices of New Yorkers have molded the city we live in, unpack how the urban environment has impacted people both past and present, and discover hidden voices that shine a light on New York's array of diverse communities and neighborhoods while learning successful strategies for virtual student engagement. (The Museum of the City of New York is a CTLE certified provider and provider through the NYCDOE ASPDP program. Participation in this program provides 45 hours of CTLE credit and 3 P Credits.)

Educator Workshop: *The Fight for Education Equity in NYC*

Tuesday, July 14, 5-6:30PM ET
FREE, with registration

This online workshop explores the intersections among civil rights activism, education, and the history of today's movement to desegregate New York City schools. Participants will analyze sources from the online exhibition ***Activist New York***; learn how students, teachers, and parents mobilized for change; and leave with stories, resources, and ideas for the digital classroom. This lecture will be broadcast via Zoom. (Eligible participants will receive a CTLE certificate for 1.5 hours of professional development.)

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