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10th annual *new york*



familyartsfestival

Building communities one family at a time

10th anniversary!



artz, rootz, rhythm

JUNE 13 AT 7PM

HONORING TRADITION WITH NEW EXPRESSIONS

Artz Rootz & Rhythm celebrates new and continuing excellence within the Harlem Arts Alliance network of artists. This evening's program pairs emerging and established artists in each of the represented genre in observance of past glories and future brilliance.

JoSUNJARI STRING TRIO, a sibling string trio of classical musicians aged 16, 10 and 7.

JUNE TOWNES & GOSPERA with a blend of Spirituals, hymns, gospel and sacred anthems.

CARTIER WITH THE ACAPELLA TAP ENSEMBLE
From the Ruth Williams Dance Foundation

KEVIN ANTHONY, veteran Broadway singer and actor.

Join us as we end the evening with everyone in glorious harmony in a Community Sing led by Kevin Anthony.

dear families

We invite you to celebrate with us again this year, our tenth anniversary of the **NY Family Arts Festival!** We are pleased to bring you a selection of wonderfully diverse performances and activities to enrich your summer and cultural experience.

As always, we will recognize those who support our families and bring you some exciting cultural traditions from Egypt, Italy and Brazil. There will also be a wonderful evening of music and dance from our Harlem artists, a fun production from our youth theatre, a powerful percussion performance and a hot Latin jazz party.

Our minister of Children & Family Services, Rev Patricia Lawson, reminds us that "children are our future." They are our legacy and the message we will send to a time we may never see.

With all of the events **free of charge**, you can bring your entire family and get your summer off to a great start! As always, a big thank you to our sponsors, who make this Festival possible: JP Morgan Chase, New York Times Community Affairs Department and the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Theatre...

Jewel Kinch
Executive Director
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JUNE 14

Featuring the Egyptian Celebration Company

1:00 BELLY DANCE WORKSHOP

Said to be the oldest dance form in the world, Karina will teach you the Egyptian styles of belly dance to dance like a goddess..

2:00 SAIIDI CANE (STICK) DANCE WORKSHOP

Have great fun with these sticks, grown from a special plant by the Nile, as Yasser Darwish teaches this traditional dance.

3:00 DEBKE WORKSHOP: THE DANCE OF THE COMMUNITY

Yasser Darwish will teach you the very “earthy” feet stomping, hopping and twirling of this line and circle dancing done at celebrations.

4:00 PERCUSSION WORKSHOP: DUMBЕК & DAF

The staccato dumbek and the lower pitched daf drums can play almost all of the percussion in Arabic music. Join Gammal Shafik to learn the complex rhythms and experience the rich sounds of Middle Eastern drumming.
If you have a dumbek or a daf, please bring it to this workshop.

5:00 STORYTELLING

Bahher Sharawy will enchant you with Egyptian tales of pharaohs and folktales

6:00 CRAFT WORKSHOPS Lead by Sonziry and Maged

✂ Create Head Scarves from fabric and beads ✂ Arab Calligraphy Arts

7:00 EGYPTIAN CELEBRATION COMPANY PERFORMANCE An exciting display of Whirling Dervish, Saïidi Stick Dance, Horse Show, Oud Solo, Bellydance and a special Wings of Isis performance.



JUNE 15 AT 2PM

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

An afternoon of music and dance to salute our families and those who are making a difference.

HONOREES:

JP Morgan Chase Rev. Patricia Lawson The Children's Storefront

PERFORMERS:

The Jon Hendricks and Company
Forces of Nature Dance Theatre
Harlem Gospel Revue
Nina Edwards, soprano



Reception to follow
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JUNE 20 AT 7PM

UNIVERSAL VOICES

This year The Power Of Drum III explores the sound of the universe through 'Universal Voices'.

We honor the legendary voice of **GIOVANNI HILDAGO**, master conguero.

We journey to Mali with it's djelis and hear the timeless music of the Mandeng from **Yacouba Sissoko** (kora), **Famoro Dioubate** (balafon) and **Mar Gueye** (djembe).

Vocalist **Philip Hamilton** and beat-box master **Kenny Muhammad** take us on a journey evoking inter stellar sounds, hip hop, be-bop, James Brown and melodies from around the world and more...

Brazilian percussionist **Jorge Amorim** conjures rhythms of the berumbao, batukada and samba.

Master percussionist **Jamey Haddad**, longtime associated with Paul Winter and Paul Simon will blend rhythms from India, Lebanon and the Middle East.

JUNE 21

A popular festival in Brazil, *Bumba Meu Boi* tells the story of the death and resurrection of an ox. The mythology and animal life of the Amazon come to life through the music, dance, crafts and even a parade in this fun-filled celebration.

3:00 CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Design a rainforest mask with wonderful images of jaguars, monkeys, toucans, butterflies, flowers and trees ✨ **Create a Save the Rainforest button** ✨ **Decorate a tambourine** with rainforest animals and plants ✨ Use your creative talents to **contribute to a Rainforest mural**. Then, see your work on display at the Bumba Meu Boi performance or use your creations in the fun-filled Rhythms of the Rainforest workshop.

5:00 RHYTHMS OF THE RAINFOREST

Play with tambourines and maracas in this fun exploration of the rhythms and sounds of the rainforest. Learn the very special traditional theme song, Bumba Meu Boi.

5:30 RAINFOREST ANIMOTION

How do they move? Learn the movements of all the special rainforest animals in this dance workshop.

6:00 BUMBA MEU BOI

Sing, dance and join in the fun and drama of this traditional Brazilian tale that celebrates the Boi (ox) and the magic that surrounds him in the rainforest.



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reign of the puppetmaster

JUNE 22 AT 2PM

DR. GLORY'S YOUTH THEATRE

A new and expanded version of an original musical written, directed and choreographed by **Dr. Glory Van Scott**. Dr. Glory's Youth Theatre is a program of The Riverside Theatre.

In the year of "NOW," two evil human puppet masters decide to banish puppets NOW, to stop all creativity NOW, and to deliver the most peaceful person to war NOW. Witness as the puppets and townspeople rebel against the puppet masters and decide to use nonviolence and great spiritual fortitude in order to change the year of NOW.

Lots of fun!

resurrection of a swan

JUNE 27 AT 7PM

A story of love, pain and life told through the song lyrics of gospel, jazz and opera's greatest compositions sung by Cherisse Bradley, Angela Starks, and Theresa Thomason with poems and stories by playwright Bridgette Wimberly and composer Michael Wimberly.

Conceived and directed by **MICHAEL WIMBERLY**

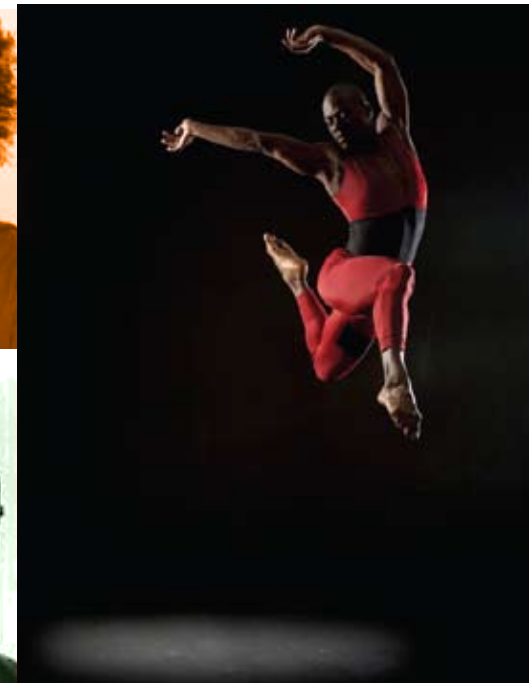
Written by **BRIDGETTE WIMBERLY**

With **CHERISSE BRADLEY, ANGELA STARKS, THERESA THOMASON, MICHAEL WIMBERLY**

Choreographed by **COREY BAKER**

Dancers **JENNIFER EDMONDS-JONES** and **COREY BAKER**

Staged by **MARGOT FAUGHT**



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italian cultural village

JUNE 28

Featuring Alessandra Belloni & Company

2:00 PERCUSSION WORKSHOP

Tap, shake and beat the tambourines as you learn different Tarantella rhythms in this Southern Italian Tambourine music experience.

3:00 DANCE WORKSHOP

Learn Southern Italian folk dances, including the Tarantella, the del' 600 (a typical Renaissance folk dance), the Tammoriatta, (a dance from Naples), and the Pizzicarella (a circular dance with red ribbons).

4:00 A DAY IN THE RENAISSANCE

Join this special children's workshop to learn about the instruments, music, dance and Theatre of the Commedia dell'Arte of the Italian Renaissance.

4:30 CORO D'ITALIA (ITALIAN CHORUS)

Children's tarantella of the 16th century performance by Bambini d'Italia.

6:00 TARANTELLA: THE SPIDER DANCE

A spectacular performance by Alessandra Belloni & Co. with dance, music, and storytelling, featuring Fran Sperling, aerial dancer.

Tambourines supplied by Remo



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harlem speaks: ny salsa jazz

JUNE 29 AT 2PM

JOHNNY COLÓN ORCHESTRA

Don't miss the opportunity to spend an afternoon with the legendary bandleader/singer and pioneering educator **JOHNNY COLÓN**.

He'll be doing double duty, first in an interview conducted by *National Jazz Museum in Harlem* Executive Director Loren Schoenberg as part of their well-known HARLEM SPEAKS series, and then leading his fiery band, The Johnny Colón Orchestra, for a wonderful afternoon of hot Salsa dancing.

We dare you to sit still once they start!



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