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GOVERNORS ISLANDS ARTS LAUNCHES *THIRD SATURDAYS*

Free monthly weekend programming on Governors Island launches June 17 with events and workshops celebrating Pride, Juneteenth, and more

NEW YORK, NY (June 15, 2023) – The Trust for Governors Island today announced the launch of **THIRD Saturdays**, a Governors Island Arts initiative celebrating the Organizations in Residence program. **THIRD Saturdays** programming will run every third Saturday of the month from May through October and will feature special indoor and outdoor programs from the two dozen organizations presenting free activities and exhibitions in the historic houses of Nolan Park and Colonels Row. All events are free and open to the public.

“We are thrilled to launch **THIRD Saturdays**, bringing another accessible public arts program to the Island’s established hub and to be able to offer this platform to local nonprofits and artists,” **said Juan Pablo Siles, Associate Curator and Producer at the Trust for Governors Island.** “This season’s diverse group of organizations represent the five boroughs of New York, and a wide range of artistic perspectives, offering unique programming for everyone to enjoy.”

June’s **THIRD Saturday** Schedule of Events (Saturday, June 17):

Colonels Row

- Art Projection: *Duty of the Hearts*, Residency Unlimited: 11am-5pm
- Art Exhibition: *Faster and Faster*, Residency Unlimited: 11am-5pm
- Printmaking Workshop, TransBorder Art: 12 – 2pm
- Queer Care Workshops, Fountain House Gallery: 12 – 5pm
- LGBT Pride Portrait Exhibit Opening & Artist Talk, ArtCrawl Harlem: 1 – 5pm
- Guided Sound Walk, Lower Eastside Girls Club: 1 – 2pm, 3 – 4pm
- Pre-Juneteenth Dance Class, Cumbe: 1 – 2pm & 2:30 – 3:30pm
- CADAFA & Christie’s Education, TransBorder Art: 2 – 3:30pm
- Art & Meditation Workshop, ArtsConnection: 3 – 4:30pm

Nolan Park

- Interactive Performance: *Watch Us!*, Taiwanese American Arts Council: 11am-5pm
- Celebrating Black Americana, West Harlem Art Fund: 11am-4pm
- Open Studios, Swale: 12 – 5pm
- Open House, Staten Island Urban Center: 12 – 4pm
- Juneteenth Sound Bath & Curator Tour, MoCADA: 1 – 2pm

- Guided Bird Outings, NYC Audubon: 2 – 3:30pm
- Bird-Friendly Glass Workshops, NYC Audubon: 3:30 – 4:30pm
- Electro-Acoustic Music Performance, Harvestworks: 7 – 8pm

The Organizations in Residence program features over two dozen arts, cultural, and educational nonprofit organizations from throughout the five boroughs that utilize space inside the historic houses of Nolan Park and Colonels Row. The organizations present a robust calendar of free public programs and artist residencies and engage visitors in special activities for all ages throughout the summer months. Visit www.govisland.org/oir to meet this season's cohort.

Governors Island is open to the public Sunday through Thursday from 7am to 10pm and Friday through Saturday from 7am to 11pm. Trust for Governors Island-operated ferries run daily between the Battery Maritime Building at 10 South Street in Lower Manhattan and Soissons Landing on the Island. Trust-operated ferries also serve two Brooklyn locations during the summer months—Pier Six in Brooklyn Bridge Park and Atlantic Basin in Red Hook. These routes run directly to Yankee Pier on Governors Island from each location every Saturday, Sunday, and holiday Monday from May 27 through October 29. For schedules and ticketing information, visit www.govisland.org/ferry.

Visitors are encouraged to reserve ferry tickets in advance of their trip on the Governors Island website. Round-trip ferry tickets cost \$4 for adults. Ferries operated by the Trust for Governors Island are always free for children 12 and under, older adults 65 and up, residents of NYCHA, IDNYC holders, current and former military service members, and Governors Island members. Ferries before noon on Saturdays and Sundays are free for all. There is no surcharge for bicycles or strollers on Trust-operated ferries at any time.

NYC Ferry also serves Governors Island weekdays on the South Brooklyn route and summer weekends via the seasonal Governors Island shuttle. For ticketing information and full schedules for NYC Ferry, visit www.ferry.nyc.

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About the Trust for Governors Island

The Trust for Governors Island is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to realize the full potential of Governors Island for the inspiration and enjoyment of all New Yorkers, demonstrating a bold vision for public space. For more information, visit www.govisland.org

About Governors Island Arts

Governors Island Arts, the public arts and cultural program presented by the Trust for Governors Island, creates transformative encounters with art for all New Yorkers, inviting artists and researchers to engage with the issues of our time in the context of the Island's layered histories,

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environments, and architecture. Governors Island Arts achieves this mission through temporary and long-term public art commissions, an annual Organization in Residence program in the Island's historic houses, and free public programs and events in partnership with a wide range of cross-disciplinary NYC cultural organizations. For more information, visit www.govisland.org/giarts