

THE TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND

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Late Saturdays and Expanded Programming Comes to Governors Island in July and August

Trust for Governors Island Announces new mid-summer programming

Governors Island to stay open until 11PM Saturdays in July and August

July 2, 2018. The Trust for Governors Island today announced a robust schedule of new cultural programming in July and August. Also announced today were additional expanded hours with Late Saturdays, beginning on Saturday, July 7. Adding to Governors Island's previously announced expanded hours on Late Fridays, Late Saturdays will offer an additional night each week for more New Yorkers to enjoy Governors Island under the stars until 11 PM.

Governors Island is now open late on Saturdays, beginning July 7. Visitors will be able to enjoy stunning sunsets overlooking New York Harbor, take leisurely bike rides around the Hills and enjoy food and drinks at Island Oyster and other Island vendors until 11 PM. Ferries to Governors Island for Late Saturdays will depart from the Battery Maritime Building in Lower Manhattan and will be free for all visitors after 6PM, made possible by Grey Goose. Late Saturdays on Governors Island will run from July 7 to September 1, with Late Fridays going until September 14.

“This Spring, nearly 250,000 visitors have already joined us on Governors Island, and now that summer is in full swing, we’re creating even more for New Yorkers to escape every day,” **said Michael Samuelian, President and CEO, the Trust for Governors Island.** “Join us for the best sunset view in town while enjoying a drink or a peaceful stroll under the twinkling lights of the Lower Manhattan skyline.”

July and August will also bring more special events on Governors Island, including the second and third iteration of *Escape in New York: Outdoor Films on Governors Island*, presented in partnership with the Film Society of Lincoln Center. A series that celebrates the city we all call home and the spectacular skyline views from Governors Island, the Film Society and the Trust will host a special screening of *Desperately Seeking Susan* on July 13. A pre-show party and beer garden will begin at 6 PM and attendees will be treated to an extra special drag performance inspired by the film by Monroe Sedgwick. All films throughout the series take place on the Parade Ground, located near the Manhattan Ferry landing. *Ghostbusters* will screen August 10, with the series concluding with *The Last Dragon* on September 14.

As part of the Trust's unique and open platform for free arts and culture, July will bring added exhibitions to the former military officer's homes of Nolan Park and Colonels Row. Opening Friday, June 30, The New Art Dealers Alliance (NADA) will present its first non-art fair exhibition, *Close Quarters*, in Colonels Row. Ten artists represented by eight NADA member galleries, including Jack Hanley Gallery, Kai Matsumiya and CANADA, will present work across two floors of the historic house.

Returning for its 6th year of producing a teen-curated satellite exhibition in Nolan Park, the New-York Historical Society will present *Out of Many, One: American Civics and Citizenship* showcasing reproductions of works of art and historic artifacts that illustrate the importance of civic engagement. Additional new exhibitions opening in July, including *Escaping Time: Art from U.S. Prisons* are listed below.

Additional free events on Governors Island in July and August include free classical music concerts with Rite of Summer on July 7, the Volkswagen Traffic Jam on July 8, NYC Audubon's *It's Your Tern Festival* on July 14, Family Fun Day on July 15, the NYC Poetry Festival, one of the city's largest literary events on July 28-29 and more. Special ticketed events include Sunset Soirée, a special cocktail party hosted at Collective Retreats to benefit the Friends of Governors Island on July 31, the return of Victory Cup Polo on August 4-5 and the Governors Island classic Jazz Age Lawn Party on August 25-26. Additional details are listed below and can be found at www.govisland.org.

Governors Island is open to the public seven days a week from May 1 through October 31. The Island is open from 10 AM-6 PM Monday through Thursday, from 10AM-10 PM on Fridays, 10 AM-11 PM on Saturdays and 10 AM-7 PM on Sundays. On July 4, Governors Island will be open from 10 AM-7 PM, with ferries running from both Brooklyn and Manhattan. For detailed ferry information, visit www.govisland.org.

PROGRAMMING CALENDAR – July and August, 2018

New Free Ongoing Programming

NADA Presents: Close Quarters

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 AM-5 PM, Colonels Row (through July 29)

Close Quarters, organized by the New Art Dealers Alliance, is an off-site exhibition in partnership with Governors Island. The exhibition features artworks from ten artists represented by eight NADA Member galleries across two floors of a historic turn-of-the-century Colonial Revival house on Governors Island.

Featuring: Rainer Ganahl (Kai Matsumiya), Fabienne Lasserre (Safe Gallery), Michael Mahalchick (CANADA), Jerry the Marble Faun (SITUATIONS), Hayley Martell (Signal), Asif Mian (False Flag), Devin N. Morris (Signal), Elliott Jamal Robbins (Kai Matsumiya), Johanna Unzueta (Proyectos Ultravioleta), Jeff Williams (Jack Hanley Gallery).

www.newartdealers.org

The New-York Historical Society Presents: Out of Many, One – Americans, Civics and Citizenship

Saturdays and Sundays, 11:30 AM- 6 PM, July 7-September 30, Nolan Park

This summer, explore what it means to be American at our sixth annual teen-curated satellite exhibition on historic Governors Island. Showcasing reproductions of works of art and historic artifacts, galleries present the history of citizenship through the rights and responsibilities that have united Americans from disparate backgrounds across generations. Learn the importance of civic engagement—from grassroots strategies to the passing of Constitutional amendments—by considering the struggles Americans face to fully realize their rights. This exhibition is curated and staffed by specially trained Teen Leader high school interns.

www.nyhistory.org

Escaping Time: Art from U.S. Prisons

Saturdays and Sundays, 12 PM-5 PM, Colonels Row (through October 7)

Escaping Time: Art from U.S. Prisons exhibits and sells artworks created within prison walls nationwide. Through art, Escaping Time works to change the narrative and break the stereotype of what society imagines when thinking about the incarcerated. The art serves as a reminder that the men and women in prison are more than their charges.

www.escapingtime.com

Island Special Events

Rite of Summer Presents: Dither Quartet

Saturday, July 7, Performances at 1 and 3 PM, Colonels Row

Rite of Summer features free outdoor concerts of classical and cutting-edge contemporary music, performed by many of New York's best-known soloists and ensembles. July's concert features DITHER, a New York based electric guitar quartet, is dedicated to an eclectic mix of experimental repertoire which spans composed, improvised and electronic music. Formed in 2007, the quartet has performed across the United States and abroad, presenting new commissions, original compositions, multimedia works, and large guitar ensemble pieces. Dither's members are Taylor Levine, Joshua Lopes, James Moore and Gyan Riley.

www.riteofsummer.org

Volkswagen Traffic Jam

Sunday, July 8, 10 AM-5 PM, Picnic Point

The NYC Volkswagen Traffic Jam is a spectator-judged vintage Volkswagen car show and picnic on Governors Island in New York City. With views of New York Harbor and the Statue of Liberty behind a vibrant line-up of nearly 100 Beetles, buses, dune buggies, Things and other original VW's circa 1950's - 1970's, this car show is a one-of-a-kind event for both the casual spectator and classic VW enthusiast.

www.nycvolkswagentrafficjam.com

Escape in New York: Outdoor Films on Governors Island with the Film Society of Lincoln Center

Free screening of *Desperately Seeking Susan*

Friday, July 13, pre-show party at 6PM, screening at dusk, Parade Ground

Rosanna Arquette and Madonna star in Seidelman's screwball romp, which introduced mainstream America to New York City's '80s underground Bohemian scene and to the Material Girl herself. With appearances by Ann Magnuson, John Turturro, Richard Hell, John Lurie, and more. Screening with Zia Anger's *My Last Film*.

Starting at 6PM: Beer garden featuring Threes Brewing and Sixpoint Brewery. Food by Monk's Meats, DUB Pies, Gorilla Cheese and Dolce Brooklyn. Music by Theodore Jahng.

Starting at 8PM: Don't miss a special drag performance by Monroe Sedgwick inspired by *Desperately Seeking Susan*. Come in costume to join in on the fun!

www.govisland.org

NYC Audubon Presents: It's Your Tern Festival

Saturday, July 14, 1-4 PM, South Battery

Common Terns, listed as a threatened species in New York State, have nested in recent years on decommissioned piers on Governors Island's waterfront. Festival activities will include: Expert bird walks and talks by NYC Audubon's Susan Elbin and Governors Island National Park Service volunteer Annie Barry and hands-on activities for the whole family.

<http://www.nycaudubon.org/tern-festival>

Family Fun Day

Sunday, July 15, 11 AM-4 PM, Nolan Park

Family Fun Day celebrates Governors Island's playful attitude and bucolic environment. This free outdoor festival features award-winning live music and theatrical performances, storytelling, arts and crafts, science and nature workshops, ice cream and snacks, a build-your-own playground and more. The event is free and open to the public. www.govisland.org

NYC Poetry Festival

Saturday, July 28-Sunday, July 29, 11 AM-6 PM, Colonels Row

The festival invites poetry organizations and collectives of all shapes and sizes to bring their unique formats, aesthetics, and personalities to the festival grounds, which are ringed with a collection of beautiful Victorian houses and tucked beneath the wide, green canopies of dozens of century old trees. By uniting the largest community of poets in the country and offering a unique setting for literary activity, the New York City Poetry Festival electrifies arts and literature and brings poetry to new light in the public eye.

www.nycpoetryfestival.com

Sunset Soirée

Tuesday, July 31, 6 PM-8:30PM, Collective Governors Island

Hosted at Governors Island's new outdoor accommodations, [Collective Retreats](#), the Sunset Soirée is the first Governors Island party of its kind. Be among the first to enjoy exclusive access to Collective Retreats' sprawling lawn and admire the sunset over New York Harbor and the Statue of Liberty. Celebrate the Island's sustainable ethos with light bites made with local produce and artisanal cocktails infused with lavender grown on Governors Island by Earth Matter.

Ticket sales directly support the Friends of Governors Island's mission to ensure the Island remains a vibrant public resource for all New Yorkers.

www.govisland.org/things-to-do/events/sunset-soiree-on-governors-island

Victory Cup Polo

Saturday, August 4, 10 AM-6 PM, Play Lawns

The Victory Cup has grown to be one of the largest equestrian events in the United States. Come out and enjoy a gorgeous day of green grass, majestic horses and heart pounding polo!

www.victorycup.org

Escape in New York: Outdoor Films on Governors Island with the Film Society of Lincoln Center

Free screening of *Ghostbusters*

Friday, August 10, pre-show party at 6PM, screening at dusk, Parade Ground

Who ya gonna call? In Ivan Reitman's comedy-horror masterpiece, disgraced Columbia parapsychologists (Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, and Harold Ramis) set up shop as spectral exterminators, creating one of today's most beloved cult favorites. Also starring Sigourney Weaver, Annie Potts, and Rick Moranis. Screening with Dustin Guy Defa's *Review*.

Starting at 6PM: Beer garden and food offerings to be announced. Music by Theodore Jahng.

www.govisland.org

NYC Runs Governors Island 5K & 10K

Saturday, August 11, 9 AM, Colonels Row

This great midsummer's race features a scenic course with world class views of Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Statue of Liberty, starts off with a ferry ride and features a great post-race party. Afterwards, stay and enjoy all the island has to offer!

www.nycruns.com

The Jazz Age Lawn Party

Saturday, August 25-Sunday, August 26, Colonels Row

The Jazz Age Lawn Party, now entering its 13th year, is New York City's original prohibition-era inspired gathering. This historically sold out event attracts 20,000 fans over two weekends, who come together to discover music and zeitgeist of the 1920s and 1930s, learn the hottest dance steps of the time, frolic in their flapper dresses and glad rags and enjoy sophisticated bites and vintage-inspired cocktails in a romantic, playful setting.

www.JazzAgeLawnParty.com

For more on events, activities and visitor information, visit www.govisland.org

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 transform Governors Island into a vibrant resource for New York City, making this island at the center of New York Harbor a destination with extraordinary public open space, as well as educational, not-for-profit and commercial facilities.