

Press Release

Brooklyn Museum



Toy Drive at the Brooklyn Museum, 2020. Organized by the Brooklyn Museum, NYC Council Majority Leader Laurie A. Cumbo, Spiff Star and Busia Rhymes's F.O.O.D. Foundation with Grandma's Hands, and Vulcan Society. (Photo: Laval Bryant-Quigley)

Brooklyn Museum Announces Public Programs in December for Visitors of All Ages

Virtual and in-person programming welcomes community members to the Museum for the holiday season

The Brooklyn Museum presents a robust lineup of programming for adults and children this winter, including our Holiday Market offering handmade items from local artisans for the holiday season and the return of the second annual Holiday Toy Drive. Other programs include talks, classes, tours, and special events that amplify the Museum's exhibitions and collection, serve the surrounding community, and support learning through the visual arts.

All visitors to the Museum's in-person programs who are 12 and older must show [proof of vaccination and a valid I.D.](#) Masks are required, regardless of vaccination status, for all adults and children over the age of 2, in accordance with procedures and guidelines laid out by the CDC and local health officials. Some programs will take place online and through the Museum's social media channels.

Museum Members enjoy complimentary or discounted tickets and early access to public programs.

The full schedule is as follows:

Holiday Toy Drive Donation Drop-off**Wednesdays–Sundays through December 17, 11 am–6 pm**Martha A. and Robert S. Rubin Pavilion and Lobby, 1st Floor
Free.

Spread love the Brooklyn way at our second annual Holiday Toy Drive. The Museum is partnering with New York City Council Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, F.O.O.D. Foundation, Congress members Yvette Clarke and Hakeem Jeffries, the Vulcan Society, and Grandma's Hands to distribute toys to families in need and bring a sense of joy to our beloved community this holiday season. Participants can drop off new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0–14 in the Museum's lobby during open hours.

Film: Visual AIDS Presents *ENDURING CARE***Wednesday, December 1, 6–8 pm**

Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium, 3rd Floor

Free, reserve [tickets](#) in advance.

New York–based arts organization [Visual AIDS](#) returns to the Museum to commemorate Day With(out) Art 2021 with a screening of *ENDURING CARE*. The program includes seven short films that look at stories of the ongoing HIV epidemic—including those of harm reduction, prison abolition, and the long-term effects of medication—while honoring strategies of community care and mutual aid. The screening will be followed by a talkback with the program's featured filmmakers. *ENDURING CARE* is presented in partnership with the Studio Museum in Harlem.

We Speak Art**Thursday, December 2, 6–7 pm**

Meet in the Rubin Lobby, 1st Floor

Free, reserve [tickets](#) in advance.

Join fellow English language learners in practicing conversational English skills with a discussion inspired by a work of art. All levels of English proficiency are welcome.

Holiday Market**Sunday, December 5, 12, and 19, 12–6 pm**

Martha A. and Robert S. Rubin Pavilion, 1st Floor

Free.

Stop by our Holiday Market to shop one-of-a-kind, handmade items from local artisans and vendors. This special indoor holiday market features more than twenty vendors offering artwork, jewelry, fashion, home and apothecary goods, and more. A live DJ and carolers will also perform on-site to help spread holiday cheer.

Stroller Tour**Thursday, December 9, 10–11:15 am**

Meet in the Education Gallery, 1st Floor

[Tickets](#) are \$29.

Enjoy an interactive, stroller-friendly tour for our youngest museumgoers and their caregivers. Designed for children up to 24 months in age, this baby-friendly program features touchable objects, songs, exploration of artworks on view, and an opportunity to connect with other adults. December's tour will visit *Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams*.

Hablemos de Arte**Thursday, December 9, 6:30–7:30 pm**

Meet in the Rubin Lobby, 1st Floor

Free, reserve [tickets](#) in advance.

Join us for an informal conversation in Spanish, inspired by a work of art, and practice your language skills by exchanging ideas with other participants. All levels of Spanish proficiency are welcome.

Salsa Party**Thursday, December 9, 6–9:30 pm**

Martha A. and Robert S. Rubin Pavilion, 1st Floor

Free, reserve [tickets](#) in advance.

Our season of salsa continues with social dancing and performances by Balmir Dance Society. The evening starts with a class led by professional dancers at 6 pm, then the dance floor opens up with live music and performances by Brooklyn's best Latin dance teams.

Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra: New York Celebration**Sunday, December 12, 6–7:30 pm**

Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium, 3rd Floor

Advance [tickets](#) are \$20, same-day tickets are \$25 at the door.

The Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra presents a celebration of New York City composers. The evening begins with selections from Leonard Bernstein's iconic musical *On The Town*, followed by works from two Brooklyn composers: Aaron Copland's "Quiet City" and Michael Viens's "Hummingbirds." The program concludes with Philip Glass's *Concerto for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra*, featuring a guest performance by members of the MANA Quartet.

Art History Happy Hour: Warhol and Wine**Thursday, December 16, 6–7:30 and 8–9:30 pm**

The Norm Restaurant, 1st Floor, and Morris A. and Meyer Schapiro Wing, 4th Floor

[Tickets](#) are \$45 and include four wine tastings, small bites, and special after-hours admission to *Andy Warhol: Revelation*.

Expand your knowledge of Andy Warhol's Pop art with a special after-hours curator talk with curator Carmen Hermo and a wine tasting featuring selections by Marquis Williams of Highly Recommended, a Brooklyn-based, members-only wine club. Explore the ways that Warhol mixed Pop art and Catholicism, from portraits of celebrities to appropriated Renaissance masterpieces, while you indulge in wine pairings inspired by Warhol's artistic practice and relationship to his faith. Then, visit the galleries for an exclusive after-hours viewing of *Andy Warhol: Revelation*.