

Press Release

Brooklyn Museum



Drink and Draw, July 2021. (Photo: Kolin Mendez)

Brooklyn Museum Announces Community Appreciation Weekend and Other Fall Public Programs for Adults, Teens, and Kids

Virtual and outdoor in-person programming welcome community members to the Museum

The Brooklyn Museum presents a robust lineup of programming for adults and children this fall, starting with a Community Appreciation Weekend that celebrates its full public reopening with gallery talks, art activations, and family fun. Other programs this season include talks, classes, and tours that amplify the Museum's exhibitions and collection, serve the surrounding community, and support learning through the visual arts.

Some programs will take place outdoors. Participants for these programs will be socially distanced on the Museum's plaza, and all visitors to the Museum's indoor and outdoor 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. All other 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 by emailing membership@brooklynmuseum.org with full name and Membership I.D.

The full schedule is as follows:

Virtual Brooklyn Talks: Maria Grazia Chiuri and Judy Chicago

Friday, September 10, 1–2 pm

Online

This program is free, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

Celebrate the opening of *Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams* with Maria Grazia Chiuri, creative director of Dior women’s collections and the first female designer to helm the house, and trailblazing artist Judy Chicago. From within Chicago’s installation *The Dinner Party*—the centerpiece of the Museum’s Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art and inspiration for the 2020 Dior show *The Female Divine*—the two discuss the intersections of fashion, feminism, and leadership in a behind-the-scenes conversation moderated by Samira Nasr, editor-in-chief of *Harper’s Bazaar*.

Reopening: Community Appreciation Weekend

Friday, September 10–Sunday, September 12

Museum-wide

This program is free.

The Museum is fully reopening on Friday, September 10 and celebrating with three days of free community programs packed with gallery talks, art activations, and family fun. Visitors are also welcome to explore all five floors of the Museum and to enjoy a seasonal Brooklyn-inspired meal at The Norm.

Friday, September 10, 6:45–7:45 pm

We Speak Art

Martha A. and Robert S. Rubin Lobby

This program is free, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

Join fellow English language learners and practice your conversational English skills with a discussion inspired by *The Obama Portraits*. All levels of English proficiency are welcome.

Drink and Draw: *The Slipstream*

Friday, September 10, 7–9 pm

Biergarten

Tickets start at \$15 and include after-hours admission to *The Slipstream*.

Sip and sketch in our backyard Biergarten with a special pay-what-you-wish edition of our outdoor series of life drawing classes. The class is open to all levels and accompanied by a refreshing beverage and musical vibes by local DJs. Visitors are invited to sketch from live models, learn more about our newest contemporary art exhibition, *The Slipstream: Reflection, Resilience, and Resistance in the Art of Our Time*, and experiment with materials in a casual class led by teaching artist Mellasenah Nicole Edwards.

Outdoor Yoga on the Stoop

Saturday, September 11 and September 18, 10–11 am

Museum Plaza

Tickets are \$16 and include Museum general admission.

Meet us on the plaza steps for a morning of socially distant yoga and meditation, open to all levels and led by local instructors. Open your hips and your heart in this gentle flow class, followed by a guided meditation with plenty of time to rest.

Meet the Curators

Saturday, September 11, 11 am–5 pm

Throughout the Museum

Stop by our collection galleries and chat with our curators! Learn something new about your favorites and ours as curators give informal talks about artworks in our galleries. Visit our [website](#) for a full list of talks.

Family Exploration: East Asian Galleries

Saturday, September 11, 12–3 pm

Arts of Asia, 2nd Floor

This program is free with Museum admission, but advance tickets are required.

Join one of our museum educators and explore our recently reopened Arts of Asia galleries. Learn about the *Wine Jar with Fish and Aquatic Plants* through a hands-on investigation of material samples, then look for other ceramic artworks on your own.

Family Exploration: *The Slipstream*

Sunday, September 12, 12–3 pm

Great Hall, 1st Floor

This program is free with Museum admission, but advance tickets are required.

Join one of our museum educators and explore the special exhibition *The Slipstream: Reflection, Resilience, and Resistance in the Art of Our Time*. Learn about the artistic process of contemporary artist Byron Kim, who documents his daily life through painting and writing, then chronicle your visit to the Museum by sketching details you find throughout the day.

Thursday, September 16, 7–9 pm

Drink and Draw: *The Obama Portraits Tour*

Biergarten

Tickets are \$35 and include after-hours admission to *The Obama Portraits Tour*.

Honor Black portraiture and power in this month's life drawing class focusing on the vibrant and groundbreaking depictions of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama by artists Kehinde Wiley and Amy Sherald. Learn multimedia techniques and try your hand at various approaches to depicting the human form in a casual class open to all levels and led by Museum teaching artist James Antwine. Plus, enjoy a refreshing beverage and a musical set by DJ InO.

Hablemos de Arte

Thursday, September 17, 6:45–7:30 pm

Meet in the Rubin Lobby, 1st Floor

This program is free, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

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

Sunday, September 19, 2–4 pm

Pop-Up Performance: Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra

Museum Plaza

This program is free.

Drop by our plaza to hear string players from the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra perform a festive, family-friendly selection of music by Vivaldi, Mozart, Copland, and Tchaikovsky, led by Associate Conductor Felipe Tristan.

Thursday, September 23, 7–9 pm

Brooklyn Talks: SENSATION with Arnold Lehman and Darren Walker

Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium, 3rd Floor

Tickets are \$16 and include after-hours admission to *The Slipstream*.

Join Arnold Lehman, former director of the Brooklyn Museum, and Darren Walker, President of the Ford Foundation, for a timely conversation about Lehman’s long-awaited book *Sensation: The Madonna, the Mayor, the Media, and the First Amendment* (2021). The book presents Lehman’s personal account of the controversy that surrounded the lightning-rod exhibition *SENSATION: Young British Artists from the Saatchi Collection* (1999–2000), which took place during his time as director.

Saturday, September 25, 2–4 pm

Artist Talk: Judy Chicago

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

Tickets are \$25. Member tickets are \$20. Tickets including a signed copy of *The Flowering* are \$65.

Judy Chicago discusses her latest memoir, *The Flowering: The Autobiography of Judy Chicago*, with Museum Director Anne Pasternak and Catherine Morris, Sackler Senior Curator, Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art. The influential feminist artist reflects on her trailblazing career spanning over five decades—including her magnum opus *The Dinner Party*, which shifted the field of Western art history—and her ongoing commitment to the power of art as a tool for social change.

Sunday, September 26, 11 am–4 pm

Fifteenth Annual Children’s Book Fair

Museum Plaza

This event is free.

The annual Brooklyn Children's Book Fair has returned! Thirty of your favorite Brooklyn authors and illustrators join us outdoors on the plaza to share their latest books. This free event features storybooks, picture books, and graphic novels—including fiction, nonfiction, and poetry—for book lovers from preschool through the middle grades. Throughout the day, children can enjoy a chat with an author or illustrator, get a book signed, and have fun with chalk drawing.

Art History Happy Hour: Ancient Egyptian Art

Thursday, September 30, 6–7:30 and 8–9:30 pm

Egyptian Galleries, 3rd Floor

Tickets are \$45 and include after-hours admission to the Egyptian galleries.

Explore our world-renowned collection of ancient Egyptian objects in a special after-hours curator tour and sip from a range of wines selected by Marquis Williams of Highly Recommended, a Brooklyn-based members-only wine club. Learn about the significance of wine in the everyday lives of ancient Egyptians with Yekaterina Barbash, Associate

Curator, Egyptian Art, and enjoy four contemporary wines chosen by Williams to evoke the flavor profiles discussed in the talk.

Brooklyn Talks: Amy Sherald and Kehinde Willey

Thursday, October 14, 7–9 pm

Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium, 3rd Floor, and online

Tickets are \$25 and include after-hours admission to *The Obama Portraits Tour*. Tickets to access the event live on Zoom are \$5 for the general public and free for Members.

In honor of the Obama portraits' first visit to Brooklyn, get a behind-the-scenes look at their creation in a rare conversation between official portrait artists Amy Sherald and Kehinde Wiley. The two reflect on the impact of their culture-shifting portraits and discuss their unique, collaborative approaches to representing the first African American President and First Lady. Sherald and Wiley will also talk about their canon-expanding practices.

Art History Happy Hour: *The Obama Portraits Tour*

Thursday, October 21, 6–7:30 and 8–9:30 pm

The Norm Restaurant and Bar, 1st Floor

Tickets are \$45 and include after-hours admission to *The Obama Portraits Tour*.

Treat yourself to a curator talk inspired by *The Obama Portraits Tour*, and enjoy a wine tasting hosted by Marquis Williams of Highly Recommended, a Brooklyn-based, members-only wine club. Curators Jane Dini and Eugenie Tsai delve into the history of presidential portraiture and explore the ways in which artists Kehinde Wiley and Amy Sherald paid homage to--and broke from--tradition in their portrayals of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. Then, visitors are invited to *The Obama Portraits Tour* for an exclusive after-hours viewing of the portraits.