

Press Release

Brooklyn Museum



Alex Mali: (Photo: Sarah Marie Mayo)

Target First Saturday Invites You to Celebrate the Caribbean Diaspora on August 4 at the Brooklyn Museum

On August 4, Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday* honors the arts, culture, and diversity of the Caribbean diaspora, both around the globe and right here in Brooklyn. Highlights include the **Brooklyn Dance Festival**, the mobile art center **caribBEING House**, and music from **Alex Mali** and **Pan Evolution Steel Orchestra**.

Note: To ensure the safety of all of our visitors and to comply with city fire codes, starting at 5 pm, visitors should enter through the front of the Museum. Please keep in mind that there could be lines for entry and that in order to comply with safety regulations we may have to limit entry when we reach maximum capacity.

Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday* events attract thousands of visitors to free art and entertainment programs each month. Some *Target First Saturday* programs have limited space and are ticketed on a first-come, first-served basis. *Denotes a ticketed event.

5–10 pm caribBEING House: Throughout the evening, mobile art center caribBEING House will amplify the voices of Caribbean communities with art and activations that invite you to engage with cultural production from across the diaspora.

5 pm Movement Workshop: Choreographer Jessica Phoenix leads a dance and fitness workshop that introduces the basics of a variety of Afro-Caribbean dance forms.

***6 pm Dance:** Brooklyn Dance Festival presents performances that showcase diverse dance styles from across the English, Spanish, and French Caribbean. Featuring Dance Caribbean Collective, The Sabrosura Effect, Project of ContempoCaribe, KaNu Dance Theater, and Bloodline Dance Theatre.

***6–8 pm Hands-On Art:** Create and decorate your own noisemaker using festive colors inspired by the West Indian Day Parade and by the Museum's collection of instruments in the Arts of the Americas galleries.

6:30–7:30 pm Teen Pop-Up Gallery Talks: Teen Apprentices host ten-minute talks highlighting Caribbean art and stylistic influences in our American Art collection.

6:30–9:30 pm Drink & Draw: Grab a drink and sketch from live models who show off the diasporic masquerade traditions that have found a home in Brooklyn. Music will be provided by Rodney Hazard.

7 pm Music: Brooklyn-born singer-songwriter Alex Mali plays modern R&B with a Caribbean flair. Her Jamaican and Trinidadian roots can be heard in her reggae-infused pop music.

8 pm Pop-Up Poetry: Enjoy readings by Caribbean-identified poets Rico Frederick, Erica Mapp, and Camille Rankine. Presented in partnership with Cave Canem Foundation, an organization committed to cultivating the artistic and professional growth of Black poets.

***8:30 pm Community Talk:** Join Ernest Skinner; Dr. Waldaba Stewart, Head of the Caribbean Research Center at Medgar Evers College; and Ninaj Raoul, co-founder of Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees, as they discuss the history of Black immigrants who came from Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America to New York. They also talk about ways in which we can support these communities today. Moderated by Albert Saint Jean of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration.

8:30–10 pm Music: Brooklyn-based Pan Evolution Steel Orchestra celebrates the contemporary possibilities of the steel pan while bringing together youth to advance the art form.

GENERAL INFORMATION

General Admission:

Contribution: \$16; students with valid I.D. and seniors \$10. Ages 19 and under FREE. Also FREE first Saturday of the month (except September), 5–11 pm, and Thursdays, 5–10 pm. Group tours or visits must be arranged in advance by calling 718.501.6234.

Programs are subject to change without notice. For more information, visit www.brooklynmuseum.org.

Directions:

Subway: 2 or 3 to Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum; 4 or 5 to Franklin Avenue; B or Q to Prospect Park; S to Botanic Garden.

Bus: B41, B69, B48, B45. On-site parking available.

Museum Hours:

Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 am to 6 pm; Thursdays, 11 am to 10 pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am to 6 pm; first Saturday of each month (except September), 11 am to 11 pm. Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

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