

Press Release

Brooklyn Museum



Switch n' Play. (Photo: Courtesy of AJ Jordan)

Celebrate the Best of the Borough with the Brooklyn Museum at First Saturday on December 7

On December 7, the Brooklyn Museum's First Saturday brings together the finest talent this borough has to offer with a night of music, performance, and art-making. Highlights include a poetry reading by **Tina Chang**, music by **DJ Laylo**, and a book talk for the release of **Elia Alba's *The Supper Club***.

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

NOTE: Programs do not include admission to the ticketed exhibitions *Pierre Cardin: Future Fashion* or *yasiin bey: Negus* (visit brooklynmuseum.org to purchase tickets.)

5–6 pm Music: Modern-day torchbearers of the golden age of Latin music, Los Hacheros infuse the folkloric styles of son montuno, guaracha, and salsa with bomba rhythms.

5:30–6:30 pm Curator Tour: Joan Cummins, Lisa and Bernard Selz Curator, Asian Art, leads a tour of the Museum’s newly installed Arts of Japan galleries with a focus on the art of the Ainu people of northern Japan.

6–7 pm Book Talk: Celebrate the release of Brooklyn-born artist Elia Alba’s new book *The Supper Club* with LJ Roberts (whose work is featured in *Nobody Promised You Tomorrow: Art 50 Years After Stonewall*), Sur Rodney (Sur), and Jack Waters. The artists, writers, and activists reopen a conversation from the book, asking “What would an HIV doula do?”

***6–7:30 pm Film:** Visual AIDS commemorates their annual Day With(out) Art with a screening of short films, followed by a conversation between filmmakers Iman Shervington and Derrick Woods-Morrow, moderated by Brooklyn-based writer and editor Kenyon Farrow. Presented in partnership with Visual AIDS and The Studio Museum in Harlem.

***6–8pm Hands-On Art:** Visitors are invited to create textile-based art, inspired by the work of LJ Roberts and Tuesday Smillie in *Nobody Promised You Tomorrow: Art 50 Years After Stonewall*.

6–10 pm Night Market: Visitors can shop one-of-a-kind, handmade items from more than thirty artisans and vendors from across Brooklyn offering artwork, jewelry, fashion, home and apothecary goods, and more.

7–8 pm Music: Beloved for their happy/sad soul-funk sound, Gemma combines vocalist Felicia Douglass’s deeply felt lyrics with producer Erick Gundel’s lush beats.

7:30–8:30 pm Teen Pop-Up Gallery Talks: Teen Apprentices host ten-minute talks about works by Brooklyn-based artists on view in *Nobody Promised You Tomorrow: Art 50 Years After Stonewall*.

8–10 pm Music: DJ Laylo (of Brooklyn’s popular monthly event A Party Called Rosie Perez) pays tribute to the Latinx sounds of NYC, from hip-hop to salsa and merengue.

8:30–9:30 pm Poetry Reading: Poet laureate of Brooklyn, Tina Chang, reads from her latest book *Hybrida*, which confronts the complexities of raising a mixed-race child during an era of political upheaval in the United States. Followed by a book signing in the Museum Shop.

***8:30–10 pm Performance:** Prospect Heights-based drag collective Switch n’ Play hosts a drag and burlesque showcase featuring Divina GranSparkle, K.James, Miss Malice, Nyx Nocturne, Pearl Harbor, and Vigor Mortis with special guest Heart Crimson. Queer in every sense of the word, Switch n’ Play spans the gender spectrum in life and on stage.

9–10 pm Music: Alternative soul singer and Brownsville native Adrian Daniel closes out the night with his unique R&B sound.

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 January and 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:

Mondays and Tuesdays, closed; 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 January and September), 11 am to 11 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.