

Brooklyn Museum

Press Release

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Celebrate Black History Month at Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday* on February 3

On February 3, the Brooklyn Museum's popular *Target First Saturday* celebrates Black History Month with activists and artists from across the African diaspora. Highlights include a curator talk in ***One Basquiat***, a screening of ***Whose Streets?***, poetry readings by **Urban Word NYC**, performances by **Aaron Abernathy**, **The Skins**, and **Latasha Alcindor**, and a closing dance party hosted by **Everyday People**.

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 pm Music: Pianist and singer Aaron Abernathy performs soul music inspired by gospel, funk, and the Civil Rights Movement.

***6 pm Community Talk:** Writer and activist Kleaver Kruz discusses the creation of The Black Joy Project, a digital grassroots movement that promotes black happiness as a form of resistance.

***6 pm Curator Tour:** Eugenie Tsai, John and Barbara Vogelstein Senior Curator of Contemporary Art, leads a focused talk in *One Basquiat* on Jean-Michel Basquiat's painting *Untitled* (1982).



The Skins. (Photo: Ryan Jay)

***6 pm Film:** *Whose Streets?* (Sabaah Folyan and Damon Davis, 2017, 103 min.) documents the spark of the Black Lives Matter Movement after the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Followed by a conversation with director Sabaah Folyan.

***6–8 pm Hands-On Art:** Experiment with scratch and resist techniques to create an original artwork inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat.

6:30–7:30 pm Feminist Book Club with Well-Read Black Girl: Glory Edim of Well-Read Black Girl continues her monthly series focusing on Judy Chicago's favorite feminist reads. This month, join a discussion on bell hooks's *Feminism Is for Everybody: Passionate Politics* (2000).

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7–8 pm Music: Brooklyn-based band The Skins perform new music from their recent album *Still Sleep*.

7:30–9:30 pm Dance: Brooklyn Dance Festival celebrates Black History Month with performances and a movement workshop, as part of their year-long residency at *Target First Saturdays*.

7:30–9 pm Photo Booth with The Black Joy Project: Have your portrait taken by photographer Dominique Sindayiganza as part of The Black Joy Project.

8 pm Community Talk: Zaheer Ali, Oral Historian at Brooklyn Historical Society and director of the public history project *Muslims in Brooklyn*, discusses Malcolm X's longstanding influence on Brooklyn's religious, political, and cultural life.

8 pm Pop-Up Poetry: Teen poets from Urban Word NYC, an organization that provides opportunities for free and uncensored writing to New York City youth, read their work in our *American Art* galleries.

8:15 pm Performance: Brooklyn-born rapper and multimedia artist Latasha Alcindor, also known as L.A., presents *All A Dream II: An Intro to Latasha*. The performance is a sequel to the artist's 2017 visual and musical memoir on her upbringing in New York City as a woman of color.

8:30 pm Music: Daytime dance party phenomenon Everyday People closes the evening with a set by DJ mOma and performances by Ian Isiah and Donae'O.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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. 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:

Wednesday and Friday, 11 am to 6 pm; Thursday, 11 am to 10 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm; first Saturday of each month (except September), 11 am to 11 pm. Closed Monday, Tuesday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.