

Press Release

Brooklyn Museum



Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power opening celebration, 2018.
Brooklyn Museum. (Photo: Kolin Mendez Photography)

Celebrate Black History Month with the Brooklyn Museum at *Target First Saturday* on February 2

On February 2, the Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday* kicks off Black History Month by celebrating the closing weekend of the special exhibition *Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power* with a packed evening of music, art-making, poetry, discussions, and films. Highlights include a visual storytelling project with **Black Gotham Experience**, a **learning lesson** with **Kameelah Janan Rasheed**, and music from **YahZarah**.

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.

The 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.

5–6 pm Music: Percussionist Winard Harper plays with a passion for the powerful messages behind jazz music.

6–7 pm Learning Session: Artist Kameelah Janan Rasheed hosts a discussion inspired by Obyctavia Butler’s idea of “primitive hypertext” and Rasheed’s current explorations in archives, scores, and time.

***6–7 pm Artist Talk:** Celebrate the launch of artist Shani Jamila’s new podcast *Lineage* with photographers Ming Smith and Russell Fredrick of the Kamoinge Collective, a group founded during the Black Power movement which is still active today.

***6–7 pm Archives Tour:** Delve into the Museum’s history during the age of Black Power with archivist Molly Seegers. Go behind the scenes, see archival storage, and examine original documents related to historical exhibitions that featured work by local Black artists.

***6–8 pm Hands-On Art:** Create your own wearable activist patches inspired by the messages of the Guerrilla Girls and AfriCOBRA.

6:30–7:30 pm Teen Pop-Up Gallery Talks: Teen Apprentices host ten-minute talks about works on view in *Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power*.

7–8 pm Music: Eclectic singer-songwriter-guitarist Toshi Reagon melds folk, country, blues, spirituals, and funk.

7:30–9:30 pm Black Gotham Experience: Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in *Soul of a Nation* with the visual storytelling project Black Gotham Experience. The event includes a photo studio by Kamau Ware; styling by Charles Johnson; video collage by Kearaha Bryant; and music by GoodWill, P.U.D.G.E., and Rimarkable.

8–9 pm Poetry Reading: Hear readings by poets Karisma Price, Naomi Extra, and Stephanie Jean as they respond to themes in *Soul of a Nation*. Presented in partnership with Cave Canem Foundation, committed to cultivating the artistic and professional growth of Black poets.

***8–10 pm Film:** *Mr. Soul* (Melissa Haizlip and Samuel D. Pollard, 2018, 115 min.) tells the story of *SOUL!*, the first Black talk-variety show nationally broadcast on public television, and its pioneering producer Ellis Haizlip. Directors Melissa Haizlip and Samuel D. Pollard introduce the screening.

9–10 pm Music: Multi-genre vocalist YahZarah performs “I’m Taking You Back,” a set dedicated to women artists and ideas of reclamation in the age of Black Power.

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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