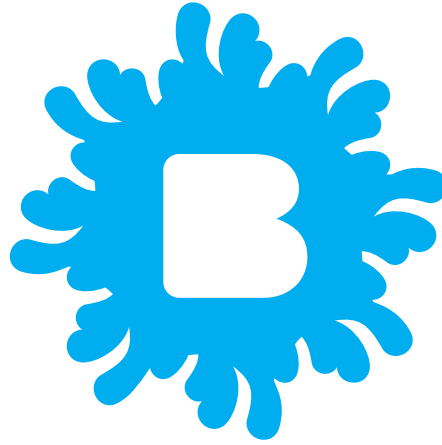


Press Release



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The Brooklyn Museum Celebrates Brooklyn Pride Week at June's *Target First Saturday*

On June 7, *Target First Saturday* kicks off Brooklyn Pride week with an evening of exciting programming. Highlights include live music by Avan Lava and The Shondes, a performance and workshop by Benny Ninja Training Academy, a ballet performance by Katy Pyle and Ballez, and much more.

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 p.m. Music: Brooklyn-based rock band The Shondes blend feminist punk, rock, pop, and Jewish influences with progressive political activism.

***6 p.m. Artist Talk:** Artist and activist Alexander Kargaltsev speaks about his experiences as a gay Russian artist and how he uses his work as a form of protest.

***6:30–8:30 p.m. Hands-On Art:** Sketch from a model to learn how artists develop the ability to render people.

6:30–8:30 p.m. Pop-Up Gallery Talks: Look for Museum Guides wearing an orange “Pop-Up Gallery Talks” button.

***7 p.m. Talk:** Members of the Audre Lorde Project speak about their efforts to encourage community wellness and advance progressive social and economic justice.

7 p.m. Performance: Rivers of Honey, a performance group focusing on art by women of color in New York City and Philadelphia, pays homage to the deity Oshun by presenting a variety show with music, comedy, and dance.

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***7:30 p.m. Performance:** Katy Pyle and Ballez perform a selection from *The Firebird, A Ballez*, a reimagining of the classic ballet by Stravinsky that questions gender binaries and celebrates queer communities.

8 p.m. Movement: Benny Ninja Training Academy honors the legacy of Willi Ninja, the legendary godfather of voguing, with a performance and voguing workshop.

8:30 p.m. Discussion: The Lesbian Herstory Archives celebrates the organization's fortieth anniversary by sharing selections from the archives and hosting a community conversation about the history of, and contemporary issues that impact, lesbian identity in Brooklyn.

9 p.m. Music: Pop group Avan Lava presents energetic choreographed sequences and dance music.

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Museum admission is free from 5 to 11 p.m. and includes entrance to galleries and events. *Ai Weiwei: According to What?* is a ticketed exhibition; during *Target First Saturday* tickets are available at a special discounted price of \$10 (regularly \$15). Programs are subject to change without notice. For more information, visit www.brooklynmuseum.org. Museum galleries are open until 11 p.m. Parking is a flat rate of \$5 from 5 to 11 p.m.

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