

Brooklyn Museum

Press Release

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Celebrate Pride Month and *We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965–85* on June 3 at the Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday*

On June 3, *Target First Saturday* celebrates Pride Month and the special exhibition *We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965–85*. Highlights include music by **New York City Gay Men's Chorus**, **SassyBlack**, and **Tamar-kali**; the kickoff of our **Black Queer Brooklyn on Film** series with screenings and performances by **D'hana Perry**, **New Negress Film Society**, and **Taja Lindley**; and a ball hosted by **Sydney UltraOmni**.

Throughout 2017, *Target First Saturdays* highlight female-identified and gender-nonconforming artists and organizations that challenge gender conventions. This programming is part of *A Year of Yes: Reimagining Feminism at the Brooklyn Museum*, which celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art.

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: New York City Gay Men's Chorus performs work from their latest season.



Tamar-kali. Photo by Scott Ellison Smith

***5:30 pm Film:** New releases by queer Arab filmmakers, including the Brooklyn premiere of *Breaking Fast* (Mike Mosallam, 2015, 18 mins.) Tarab NYC hosts a conversation with filmmakers about feminism, gender, Islamophobia, antiblackness, and aesthetics across communities where Arab art-making happens.

6 pm Curator Tour: Rujeko Hockley, co-curator and former Brooklyn Museum Assistant Curator of Contemporary Art, leads a tour of *We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965–85*.

***6–8 pm Hands-On Art:** Create a royal headdress or crown to match your unique identity.

6:30 pm Performance: D'hana Perry performs selections from *LOOSE*, an immersive documentary blending music, audio, and video to explore issues of race, gender identity, and sexuality. Work by Perry will screen later in June as part of the Black Queer Brooklyn on Film series.

7–8:30 pm Community Resource Fair: Become more active in your community and connect with vital resources offered by community-based organizations. Visit www.brooklynmuseum.org for a list of participants.



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7 pm Music: Singer and songwriter SassyBlack blends electronic, soul, funk, and jazz in a tribute to black radical women musicians.

***7 pm Black Queer Brooklyn on Film Preview:**

Members of the film collective New Negress Film Society—Frances Bodomo, Dyani Douze, and Ja'Tovia Gary—and Brooklyn-based artists Lindsay Catherine Harris and Tiona Nekkia McClodden screen their work and host a conversation on collectivity and creativity. Part of our Black Queer Brooklyn on Film series, which continue on upcoming Thursdays in June.

7–10 pm New York City Legacy Ball: Father Sydney UltraOmni hosts the New York City Legacy Ball with icons, legends, statements, and stars from the New York City ballroom community. Compete in categories celebrating the old and new, and see footage of balls past from the US and around the world.

8 pm Performance: Taja Lindley performs an adaptation of her upcoming work *The Bag Lady Manifesta*, debuting at Dixon Place in fall 2017. Lindley's film *This Ain't A Eulogy* will screen later in June as part of the Black Queer Brooklyn on Film series.

8:30 pm Pop-Up Poetry: Fellows of the African American poetry hub Cave Canem, DéLana R.A. Dameron and Alysia Harris read poems that embody a revolutionary, unapologetically queer spirit.

9 pm Music: Brooklyn-born Tamar-kali delivers intense, melodic rock centered around her soulful voice.

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.

Discounted \$12 tickets for *Georgia O'Keeffe: Living Modern* are available during *Target First Saturdays*.

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

Directions:

Subway: Seventh Avenue express (2 or 3) to Eastern Parkway/ Brooklyn Museum stop; Lexington Avenue express (4 or 5) to Nevins Street, cross platform and transfer to the 2 or 3. Bus: B41, B69, B48. 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.