

Press Release

Brooklyn Museum



Visitors in *Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power*, 2018, Brooklyn Museum. (Photo: Jonathan Dorado)

Celebrate the Brooklyn Museum's *Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power* at Target First Saturday on November 3

On November 3, the Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday* honors all of the brilliant activists, revolutionaries, and artists from the African diaspora. The exciting exhibition *Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power*, now on view at the Brooklyn Museum, inspires a vibrant evening of music, storytelling, scholarship, film, and literature. Highlights include a showcase from **Brooklyn Dance Festival**, a Community Talk with **Black Art Futures Fund**, and music from **Jaime Lee Lewis**.

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.

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: Antoine Drye honors the grandeur and richness of 1960s and 1970s jazz with groundbreaking grooves that draw on the artistic legacies of the Black Power era.

5:30–6:30 pm Art and Dialogue: Join Valerie Cassel Oliver, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and Catherine Morris, Sackler Senior Curator for the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art, for a discussion about their curatorial practice as part of Artadia's *Art and Dialogue* series.

6–7 pm Curator Tour: Ashley James, Assistant Curator of Contemporary Art, gives an exclusive look at the works in *Soul of a Nation*.

***6–8 pm Hands-On Art:** Listen to jazz and create your own colorful painting on miniature canvases, inspired by the works of *Soul of a Nation* artists Alma Thomas, William T. Williams, and more.

***6:30 pm Community Talk:** Black Art Futures Fund shares their strategy for supporting Black arts and culture, namely through collective organizing by emerging philanthropists to amplify and strengthen the future of Black art and provide grants to small nonprofits.

6:30–9:30 pm Dance: Brooklyn Dance Festival showcases the Brooklyn-based dance companies, emerging artists, and youth ensembles they support and foster. Performances are followed by a movement workshop.

7–8 pm Music: Jaime Lee Lewis, Jennifer Falu, Joekenneth Museau, Asante Amin, Frank Malloy, and Terry Lovette share original work and perform excerpts from the seminal 1968 collection *Black Fire: An Anthology of Afro-American Writing*, a compilation by Amiri Baraka and Larry Neal that is widely considered the defining work of the Black Arts Movement.

***7:30–8:30 pm Archives Tour:** Delve into the Museum's history during the age of Black Power with archivist Molly Seegers as she presents original documents from the Brooklyn Museum Archives.

8:30 pm Pop-Up Poetry: Enjoy readings by poets Sean DesVignes, Joel Dias-Porter, and Omotara James. Presented in partnership with Cave Canem Foundation, committed to cultivating the artistic and professional growth of Black poets.

9–10 pm Music: Shelly Nicole's musical collective blaKbüshe draws on influences from the '60s and '70s, blending rock, funk, jazz, and more with theatrical performances and unforgettable soul ballads.

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

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