Explore Asian America with the Brooklyn Museum at First Saturday on November 2

On November 2, the Brooklyn Museum’s First Saturday celebrates the long-anticipated reopening of its Arts of Asia galleries with a night of music, performance, and art-making featuring a spectrum of Asian American talent. Highlights include a screening of the film *Mountains That Take Wing*, performances hosted by the collective BUBBLE_T, and a Curator Tour in *One: Xu Bing*.

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 First Saturday events attract thousands of visitors to free art and entertainment programs each month. Some First Saturday programs have limited space and are ticketed on a first-come, first-served basis. *Denotes a ticketed event.

**NOTE:** Programs do not include admission to the ticketed exhibition *Pierre Cardin: Future Fashion* (visit [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org) to purchase tickets).

5–6 pm **Music:** Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra performs contemporary works by New York City-based composers Masatora Goya and Chen Yihan, featuring special guests and traditional instruments such as koto, erhu, guzheng, and pipa.
5:30–6:30 pm Curator Tour: Susan L. Beningson, Assistant Curator, Asian Art, gives visitors an inside look at the special exhibition One: Xu Bing and the Arts of China galleries.

6–7 pm Performance: The Metropolitan Opera previews Philip Glass’s Akhnaten with performances by star countertenor Anthony Roth Costanzo, Brooklyn Youth Chorus, Gandini Juggling, and the Philip Glass Institute at the New School’s College of Performing Arts.

*6–8 pm Film: Mountains That Take Wing (C.A. Griffith and H.L.T. Quan, 2009, 97 min.) compiles thirteen years of intimate conversation between activists Angela Y. Davis and Yuri Kochiyama about their lives, struggles, and shared passion for liberation. Akemi Kochiyama, organizer and granddaughter of Yuri Kochiyama, introduces the film.

*6–8 pm Hands-On Art: Visitors are invited to create works on paper with brushpens, inspired by the calligraphy in Arts of Asia.

6:30–7:30 pm Poetry Reading: Brooklyn Poets celebrates Walt Whitman—whose Brooklyn heritage inspires the organization and the Museum’s special exhibition One: Xu Bing—with readings by Diannely Antigua, Mark Doty, and Jessica Greenbaum, hosted by Brooklyn Poets Executive Director Jason Koo.

7–8 pm Music: Born in Hong Kong and raised in Brooklyn, singer-songwriter and guitarist Reonda performs indie rock in both English and Cantonese.

7:30–8:30 pm Community Talk: Representatives from The W.O.W. Project (named for Chinatown’s oldest store, Wing on Wo & Co., which houses the initiative) share their mission: nurturing the future of Chinatown, and preserving its rich cultural history.

7:30–8:30 pm Teen Pop-Up Gallery Talks: Teen Apprentices host ten-minute talks about works on view in the Arts of Japan galleries.

8–10 pm Performance: Collective BUBBLE_T hosts a night where “Asians rule but everybody’s welcome” with DJ sets by Tito Vida and Stevie Huynh; Clara Lu performing “The Butterfly Lovers” on guzheng; and Walang Hiya NYC, “Pilipinx shapeshifters of the diaspora.”

8:30–10 pm Comedy: This performance features a lineup of emerging comedians that are furthering Asian identities and perspectives in the comedy world. Hosted by Karen Chee (writer, Late Night with Seth Meyers), with Fumi Abe, Saurin Choksi, Aidan Park, and Irene Tu. Presented in partnership with NYLaughs.

9–10 pm Music: New Optimism, the latest project from shapeshifting artist Miho Hatori, draws from pop, electro, hip-hop, dancehall, and experimental music to conjure playful sounds.

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 January and 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:

Mondays and Tuesdays, closed; 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
January and September), 11 am to 11 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's
Day.