

# Brooklyn Museum

## Press Release

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### Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday* on October 1

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, *Target First Saturday* celebrates the past, present, and future of the Americas on October 1. Highlights include music by **Maria Usbeck**, **Sol Nova**, and **M.A.K.U. Soundsystem**; a salsa party with **Balmir Latin Dance Company**; **curator and gallery pop-up talks**; and a film screening of *PROFILED*.

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.

**5–11 pm ASK:** Interact in real time with Museum experts on our ASK app. Throughout *Target First Saturday*, every 25th user will receive one free glass of wine, beer, or nonalcoholic beverage. Download ASK on the Apple Store or on Google Play. Proof of age (21) is required for any alcoholic beverages. Maximum 100 recipients.

**5 pm Music:** Maria Usbeck performs songs from her first solo album, *Amparo*. Recorded during her travels, the album returns Usbeck to her roots with a percussive pop sound that pays tribute to her childhood in South America.



Maria Usbeck. Photo by Holland Brown

**6 pm Curator Tour:** View the newly refreshed Luce Center for American Art with Nancy Rosoff, Andrew W. Mellon Curator of the Arts of the Americas, as she discusses indigenous art from the Americas.

**6:30 & 7:30 pm Pop-Up Gallery Talks:** Join our teen Museum Apprentices for talks about depictions of everyday life from across the Americas. Join a tour at 6:30 pm in the Contemporary Art galleries and at 7:30 pm in the Luce Center for American Art. Tours will be in both English and Spanish.

**6:30–8:30 pm Hands-On Art:** Use a traditional Mexican folk art technique dating back to the twelfth century called *repujado*, or metal embossing, to create your own masterpiece in metal.



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**7–8 pm Music:** Sol Nova layers music created by artists of the African diaspora with drum-heavy constructions of contemporary electronic dance music.

**7:30–9:30 pm Salsa Party:** Balmir Latin Dance Company hosts a salsa party with lessons and performances by Brooklyn's best Latin dance teams.

**\*7:30 pm Film:** *PROFILED* (Kathleen Foster, 2016, 52 min.) follows black and Latinx youth killed by the NYPD, bearing witness to issues of racial profiling and police brutality. The screening is followed by a talkback with the director, documentary participants, and local advocates.

**\*8 pm Book Club:** Gabby Rivera reads from her debut novel, *Juliet Takes a Breath*, the story of a queer Puerto Rican girl who moves from the Bronx to Portland after coming out to her family.

**9 pm Music:** M.A.K.U. Soundsystem celebrates the New York immigrant experience by fusing Colombian beats with funk, jazz, and hip-hop.

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Museum admission is free from 5 to 11 pm and includes entrance to galleries and events. Discounted \$10 tickets for *Who Shot Sports: A Photographic History, 1843 to the Present* are available during *Target First Saturdays*. Programs are subject to change without notice.

For more information, visit [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org). Museum galleries are open until 11 pm. Parking is a flat rate of \$6 from 5 to 11 pm.

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### Admission:

Contribution: \$16; students with valid I.D. and seniors \$10. Ages 19 and under FREE. Also FREE: Thursday nights, 6–10 pm, and first Saturday of the month (except September), 5–11 pm. Group tours or visits must be arranged in advance by calling 718.501.6234.

##### 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.