

**News Release  
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**Dance Under the Stars at the Brooklyn Museum of Art as First Saturday Moves Outdoors on June 1**

First Saturday at the **Brooklyn Museum of Art** moves outdoors on June 1, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., featuring rock music by Jill Sobule, a tap dance performance by Restoration Dance Theatre, and salsa music by José Conde and his group Ola Fresca.

Since it was introduced three years ago, the **Brooklyn Museum of Art's First Saturday** series has become enormously popular, with thousands of visitors attending this **free** program of art and entertainment each month. All evening long, Mummy's Café serves a wide selection of sandwiches, salads, and beverages and a cash bar offers wine and beer. Parking is a flat rate of \$4 starting at 5 p.m. All other Saturdays the Museum closes at 6 p.m.

The fun begins in the outdoor sculpture garden at 6 p.m. with Brooklyn's own **Jill Sobule**, who rose to fame on the strength of her 1995 hit single "I Kissed a Girl." She scored another hit with "Supermodel," featured prominently in the film *Clueless*.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., budding artists can hone their skills at the Museum's Hands-On Art workshop, while at 7 p.m. young tap dancers from Brooklyn's **Restoration Dance Theatre** perform a rousing salute to legendary dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. Also at 7 p.m., BMA Curator Linda S. Ferber discusses the exhibition *American Identities*.

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At 8 p.m., BMA Student Guides discuss the *Star Wars* phenomenon, while at 9 p.m. the movie ***La Ciudad*** (David Riker, 1999, 88 min., not rated) screens in the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium. The film is a moving documentary about Latino immigrants in New York City.

At 9 p.m., dance salsa under the stars as the BMA Dance Party, presents **José Conde** and his band **Ola Fresca** (fresh wave). Jose Condé and Ola Fresca have performed regularly in New York, appearing at such venues as Nell's, Joe's Pub, and Bistro Latino.

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### June 1 Schedule of Evening Programs

- 6–9p.m.      **World Music:** Brooklyn's own Jill Sobule performs folk and rock under the stars.
- 6:30 p.m.    **Hands-On Art:** Bring the whole family to create your own art.
- 7 p.m.        **Performance:** Young tap dancers from Brooklyn's Restoration Dance Theatre perform a tribute to Bojangles.
- 7 p.m.        Curator Talk: BMA curator Linda S. Ferber discusses *American Identities: A New Look*.
- 8 p.m.        **Modern Voices: Artists, Curators, and Critics Speak Out:** BMA Student Guides discuss the *Star Wars* phenomenon.
- 9 p.m.        **Film:** *La Ciudad* (David Riker, 1999, 88 min., not rated) is a moving documentary about Latino immigrants in New York City.
- 9–11 p.m.    BMA Dance Party: Salsa under the stars to José Conde and his band Ola Fresca.

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Admission:**

Contribution \$6; students with valid I.D. and older adults \$3. Free to Members and children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Group tours or visits must be arranged in advance by calling extension 234.

#### **Museum Hours:**

Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;  
First Saturday of each month, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; all other Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.;  
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

#### **Directions:**

**Subway:** Seventh Avenue express (1 or 2) to Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum stop; Lexington Avenue express (4 or 5) to Nevins Street, cross platform and transfer to the 1 or 2. **Bus:** B71, B41, B69, B48. On-site parking available.