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**Fourth Season of First Saturdays at Brooklyn Museum of Art Opens  
October 5 with Swing Music**

The fourth season of First Saturday at the Brooklyn Museum of Art opens on October 5, with a roaring 20s theme party featuring Charleston dance lessons and music by The Swing Doctors.

Since it was introduced four 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 at 6:30 p.m. when, as part of the Museum's family programs, artists of all ages create their own "ancient Egyptian" hieroglyphs and carve their names into clay tablets. Visitors may also see the film *Some Like It Hot* (Billy Wilder, 1959, 121 min., not rated), set in Prohibition days.

At 7 p.m., BMA Vice Director for Art Marc Mayer will discuss Judy Chicago's *The Dinner Party*, at 8 p.m., Museum educator Brian Boucher will give a guided tour of *The Dinner Party* and *Exposed*.

In preparation for the dance party, **Stepping Out Dance Studios** will teach visitors the Charleston and other dances from the 20s and 30s at 8 p.m.

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At 9 p.m., the classic flapper film ***It*** (Clarence Badger, 1927, 72 min., not rated) starring Brooklyn-born silent film star Clara Bow will be shown in the Museum's Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium.

Also at 9 p.m., visitors are encouraged to come in costume for an old-fashioned speakeasy party in the Beaux-Arts Court featuring Brooklyn's own **Swing Doctors**. Jesse Gelber and Aisha Hosely lead this award-winning quintet.

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### **October 5 Schedule of Evening Programs**

6:30 p.m.     **Hands-On Art:** Create your own hieroglyphs on clay tablets.

6:30 p.m.     **Film:** *Some Like It Hot* (Billy Wilder, 1959, 121 min., not rated)  
Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis star in Billy Wilder's screwball masterpiece.

7–8 p.m.     **Curator Talk:** BMA Deputy Director for Art, Marc Mayer, takes visitors through Judy Chicago's *The Dinner Party*.

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- 8–9 p.m.      **Modern Voices: Artists, Curators, and Critics Speak Out:** Museum educator Brian Boucher will give a guided tour of the exhibitions *The Dinner Party* and *Exposed: The Victorian Nude*.
- 8–9 p.m.      **Free Dance Lessons:** Stepping Out Dance Studios will teach visitors the Charleston and other dances from the 20s and 30s.
- 9 p.m.        **Film:** *It* (Clarence Badger, 1927, 72 min., not rated) A salesgirl with plenty of “it” pursues a handsome playboy.
- 9–11 p.m.     **BMA Speakeasy Party:** Costumes are encouraged as Brooklyn’s own Swing Doctors perform jazz and blues.

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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.