

# Press Release



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## **Get On the Black List at Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday* February 7**

The Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturdays* event attracts thousands of visitors to **free** programs of art and entertainment each month. Highlights of February's event, which celebrates **Black History Month** and the special exhibition, *The Black List Project*, include a conversation with celebrated choreographer/dancer **Bill T. Jones** and writer **Elvis Mitchell**; a screening of the iconic film *Lackawanna Blues*; and a dance party featuring **DJs Spinna** and **Rich Medina** with a tribute to funk music.

### **FEBRUARY 7 SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS**

**5:30–7:30 p.m. Music:** Listen to San Juan Hill's Afro Latin Soul, a blend of funk, soul, Latino Caribeno, jazz, Brazilian, hip-hop, and house served up with sultry vocals in Spanish, English, and Portuguese.

**6–7:30 p.m. Film and Discussion:** Watch a video about the *Diva Dutch* public art project, which explores how cultural practices connect Black women across time and space. Artist Aisha Cousins leads the post-screening discussion and braiding demonstration. Visitors are also invited to jump in during a demonstration of *Diva Dutch* double-dutch. *Free tickets are available at the Visitor Center at 5 p.m.*

**6:30–7:30 p.m. Dance Conversation:** Acclaimed choreographer and director, Bill T. Jones speaks with noted film critic Elvis Mitchell, interviewer of The Black List Project about his artistic journey as his company celebrates its 25th Anniversary. The free flowing conversation will touch upon what it's like to create two works simultaneously: *Fela! A New Musical* about Nigerian firebrand musician Fela Anikulapo Kuti, creator of Afro-beat and a multi-disciplinary work for his dance company to mark this year's bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

**6:30–8:30 p.m. Hands-On Art:** Visitors are invited to describe themselves and their loved ones through portraiture and writing. *Free timed tickets are available at the Visitor Center at 5:30 p.m.*

**7 p.m. Young Voices Talk:** Student Guides give a talk highlighting the works of Black artists in the Museum's contemporary art collection.

**8 p.m. Curator Talk: African Art:** Kevin Dumouchelle leads a talk in the *Arts of Africa* galleries. *Free tickets are available at the Visitor Center at 7p.m.*

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**8:30 p.m. Film:** See the award-winning film *Lackawanna Blues* (George Wolfe, 2005, 95 min., PG-13), starring S. Epatha Merkerson and Mos Def, that sets the coming-of-age stories of a woman, a family, and a community to the Blues of the 1960s. *Free tickets are available at the Visitor Center at 7 p.m.*

**9 p.m. Target First Saturdays Book Club:** Pamela Newkirk, a professor of journalism at New York University and a co-recipient of a Pulitzer Prize for journalism in 1992, discusses her newly published book *Letters from Black America*.

**9–11 p.m. Dance Party:** DJs Spinna and Rich Medina make the selections for a James Brown vs. Fela Kuti tribute to the two giants of funk music.

Throughout the evening, a cash bar will offer beer and wine, and the Museum Café will serve a wide variety of sandwiches, salads, and beverages. The Museum Shop will remain open until 11 p.m.

Some *Target First Saturday* programs have limited space and must be ticketed; lines for free tickets often form 30 minutes in advance. Members may pick up tickets from the Membership Desk beginning at 2 p.m. while supplies last. **Programs are subject to change without notice.** Museum galleries are open until 11 p.m. Parking is a flat rate of \$4 from 5 to 11 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.brooklynmuseum.org/visit/first-saturdays.php](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/visit/first-saturdays.php). Museum galleries are open until 11 p.m. Parking is a flat rate of \$4 from 5 to 11 p.m.

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Admission:

Contribution \$8; students with valid I.D. and older adults \$4. Free to Members and children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Group tours or visits must be arranged in advance by calling extension 234.

#### 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: B71, B41, B69, B48. On-site parking available.

#### 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.