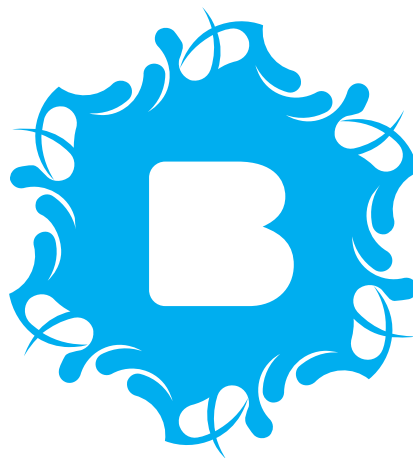


# Press Release



June 2009

## **Celebrate the Fourth of July at Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday***

The Brooklyn Museum's ***Target First Saturdays*** event attracts thousands of visitors to **free** programs of art and entertainment each month. On **July 4** the Museum celebrates **Independence Day** and the diverse cultures of America with six hours of continuous live music including performances by the **Mandingo Ambassadors, Alex Battles and the Whisky Rebellion**, the **Shondes**, and **Samba Nation Batucada**. The evening's **Dance Party** features **DJ Cosmo Baker** spinning disco and hip-hop.

### **JULY 4 SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS**

#### **5–5:40 p.m. Music**

Alex Battles and the Whisky Rebellion perform a medley of country, jump blues, and rock-and-roll.

#### **6–6:40 p.m. Music**

The Mandingo Ambassadors play authentic Guinean music.

#### **6:30–8:30 p.m. Hands-On Art**

Visitors are invited to create their own patchwork quilt with fabrics and designs inspired by the diverse cultures of Brooklyn. *Free timed tickets are available at the Visitor Center at 5:30 p.m.*

#### **6:30 p.m. Film**

*The Namesake* (Mira Nair, 2007, 122 min., PG-13) follows a family as they adjust to life in North America. Gogol, the American-born son of Bengali parents, struggles to find a balance between family traditions and his own path. *Free tickets are available at the Visitor's Center at 5 p.m.*

#### **7 p.m. Gallery Talk**

Student Guide Cristina Garza gives a Sign Language–interpreted talk on the special exhibition *Yinka Shonibare MBE*.

#### **7–7:40 p.m. Music**

Samba Nation performs music with an Afro Brazilian groove.

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### **8–8:40 p.m. Music**

Brooklyn-based indie rockers the Shondes play high-energy rock and roll with Yiddish and classical influences.

### **9–11 p.m. Dance Party**

Cosmo Baker from The Rub brings a fast-paced American music mix from disco to hip-hop and everything in between.

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. **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, please visit [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org). 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 \$10; students with valid I.D. and older adults \$6. 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.