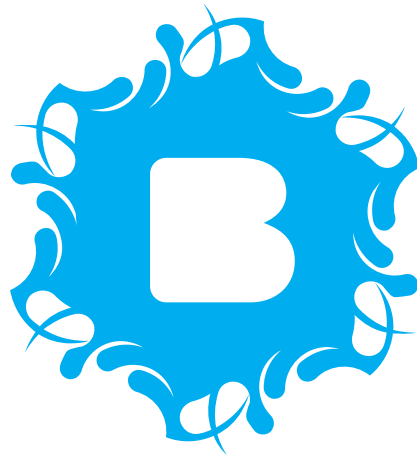


Press Release



September 2009

Brooklyn Museum's October 3 *Target First Saturday* Celebrates Hungarian Culture with Opera Unbound

The Brooklyn Museum's ***Target First Saturdays*** event attracts thousands of visitors to **free** programs of art and entertainment each month. The **October 3 *Target First Saturday***, produced in collaboration with the **Hungarian Cultural Center** and its yearlong ***Extremely Hungary*** festival, is an evening of music, dance, film, and interactive activities that turn the tradition of opera upside down.

OCTOBER 3 SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

5–7 p.m. Music

Dallam-Dougou blends the tradition of Hungarian Gypsy music with the melodic sounds of West Africa.

5:30–6:30 p.m. Performance

Vertical Players Repertory performs scenes from William Bolcom and Arthur Miller's collaborative operatic adaptation of Miller's play *A View from the Bridge*. *Free tickets available at the Visitor Center at 5 p.m.*

6 p.m. Artist Talk

Patricia Cronin speaks about the exhibition of her luminous, unearthly watercolors of the work of the nineteenth-century American sculptor Harriet Hosmer. *Free tickets available at the Visitor Center at 5 p.m.*

6:30–8:30 p.m. Hands-On Art

Get decked out for the opera: create your own theatrical mustache inspired by classic Hungarian historical figures. "The Mustache Sisters," Nina Frenkel and Aya Kakeda, designers of the two-person mustache that won an *Extremely Hungary* Moustache Contest award, show you how. *Free timed tickets available at the Visitor Center at 5:30 p.m.*

6–10 p.m. Cell Phone Concert

Play with OperaLooper, a cell phone–controlled interactive collaboration that helps you create spontaneous loop-based compositions with a music video to match.

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7 p.m. Film

Cremaster 5 (Matthew Barney, 1997, 55 min., parental discretion advised). Ursula Andress stars as a Hungarian diva in this tragic love story cast in the shape of a lyric opera and set in the romantic dreamscape of late nineteenth-century Budapest. *Free tickets available at the Visitor's Center at 6 p.m.*

7–8 p.m. Music

Jeans-wearing, beer-drinking, fun-loving opera singers from Opera on Tap perform favorite opera tunes.

7:30–8:30 p.m. Multimedia Performance

A multimedia meditation on Gabriel von Wayditch (1888–1969), a prolific yet relatively unknown Hungarian-American composer, which will include the New York premiere of excerpts from his operatic work.

8 p.m. Young Voices Talk

Student Guides on European, including Hungarian, art.

8:30–10 p.m. Opera Open Mic

Opera singers and multidisciplinary performers are encouraged to get on stage and take on the loving Brooklyn crowd. The program includes short collaborations between actress and singer Anika Larsen of *Rent*, choreographer and dancer Jamie Philbert, and members of Opera on Tap.

9–10 p.m. Book Club

Brooklyn-based author Arthur Phillips leads a discussion of his novel *Prague*, about five American expats seeking financial, romantic, and spiritual fortune in early-1990s Budapest.

9–11 p.m. Dance Party

Brooklyn's DJ Reborn and Hungarian DJ Yonderboy play a mélange of soul, house, and electronic with traces of the world's most famous operas.

For more information about *Extremely Hungary*, a yearlong festival organized by the Hungarian Cultural Center showcasing contemporary Hungarian visual, performing, and literary arts at leading cultural institutions in New York and Washington, D.C., visit www.extremelyhungry.org.

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.

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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.