

THE TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND

Trust for Governors Island Announces 2015 Public Season

Play mini golf, ride a free bike, learn about composting, experience history and get up close to the Hills this season on Governors Island

Island opens on Saturday, May 23; Open every day through September 27

May 6, 2015. New York, NY. The Trust for Governors Island (The Trust) today announced its 2015 public season. Visitors will be able to enjoy a diverse array of programs throughout the season including more programming than ever before. Governors Island opens to the public on Saturday, May 23 and will be open every day through September 27.

“Governors Island is a resource for every New Yorker,” said Leslie Koch, President of The Trust for Governors Island. “We invite New Yorkers from every neighborhood to come nap in a hammock, ride a free bike, cool off in the play fountains and enjoy dozens of arts and cultural exhibits in our historic houses.”

This season, the Island is home to new programs as well as returning favorites and features more exhibits and programs than ever. New exhibitions and programs include the Billion Oyster Project’s exhibition on its work to restore a billion oysters to New York Harbor. The New-York Historical Society will bring its *Revolution: NYC & the War for Independence* exhibit to one of the Island’s historic homes. The opening of the exhibit coincides with the arrival of the exact replica of General Lafayette’s 18th-century ship, the *Hermione*, in the New York Harbor. And The Makery’s new Island *Makeground* is a pop up makerspace for youth & adults to discover the creative power of working with technology. A former officer’s house will be transformed into a digital playground and public makerspace with interactive installations and events on 3D printing, electronics, physical computing, programming and projections.

The River to River Festival, produced by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, will again return to Governors Island as one of its signature locations. Performances include John Kelly’s *Love of a Poet*, a site-specific theatrical production that incorporates song and film, will be performed on the Parade Ground. Catherine Galasso’s *Fall of the Rebel Angels: X* is an interdisciplinary work for five performers loosely inspired by the Baroque painter Peter Paul Rubens. *Fall of the Rebel Angels* is an ongoing series of performance “studies,” with each chapter created for different casts and different sites. *X* is the tenth iteration of *Fall of the Rebel Angels*, and combines content generated for previous studies with new scenes inspired by the military housing units on Governors Island.

Some visitor favorites such as the NYC Unicycle Festival and the Volkswagen Traffic Jam will be returning this year, as will the Jazz Age Lawn Party, which is celebrating its 10th year on the Island.

Visitors will also once again be able to enjoy guided programs with the National Park Service, explore Castle Williams and Fort Jay and experience special youth programs. For the first time, National Park Service rangers will offer programming seven days a week.

“The National Park Service looks forward to a great season welcoming visitors to experience the Island's history,” said Patti Reilly, Superintendent of The Governors Island National Monument. “We look forward to welcoming visitors to Fort Jay and Castle Williams to learn about the Island, the Harbor and history of New York City.”

In addition to enjoying the new park that first opened to the public last year, visitors will also see the next phase of park, the Hills, under construction. Made of recycled fill materials, the Hills will rise 25 to 70 feet above the Island, and the summit of the tallest Hill will provide visitors with a 360-degree panoramic view of the Harbor. The Hills will be complete next year. The Trust for Governors Island will offer guided hard hat tour of the Hills, allowing visitors to enjoy never before seen views high above the Harbor. Hills tours will kick off on Opening Day May 23 at noon. Subsequent tours will be offered at the end of the day on the last Thursday of every month (June 25, July 30, August 27 and September 24).

In 2015 for the first time, play fountains in Liggett Terrace will be open to the public. The three play fountains, hidden in the Liggett Terrace hedge maze, feature 90 programmable water jets emerging from the granite seat edge. Kids of all ages can splash and get wet or choose to stay in movable lounge chairs nearby and just watch the dancing streams of water. In addition to the park, the entire Historic District is open as well as much of the Island's perimeter promenade. The promenade is open from just south of the new ball fields through the Historic District over to Yankee Pier. The promenade remains closed on the eastern side of the Island south of Yankee Pier to just south of the ball fields due to ongoing construction of the Hills.

Visitors will be able to enjoy miles of biking in the Island's Historic District and in the new park. Visitors can bring their own bikes or rent one while visiting. Blazing Saddles' Free Bike Mornings allows visitors to borrow a bike for free for one hour between 10 and noon every weekday.

“We look forward to another great season on Governors Island,” said Connie Fishman, Interim Executive Director of the Governors Island Alliance. “We invite everyone to come celebrate the 2015 season with us at the Governors Island Alliance's Family Festival on May 24!”

Below is the current calendar of events as well as general information about the Island's public access season. Events will be updated throughout the next several months. The calendar will be updated on www.govisland.com.

CALENDAR

ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Opening Day Family Festival, Sunday, May 24, 1 PM-4 PM Nolan Park

Kick-off another amazing Governors Island season with free, family-friendly performances, games, and activities at the Governors Island Alliance Family Festival! Family Festival will include arts and crafts, musical and theatrical performances, and harbor-education activities for kids. For more information, visit governorsislandalliance.org.

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's Open Studios with Artists in Residence, LMCC Arts Center in Building 110, Saturday, May 23-Sunday May 24, 12 PM to 5 PM

Visit with visual and performing artists and writers who have been working in the Arts Center at Governors Island since March. The weekend will feature behind-the-scenes access to 20 multi-disciplinary artists' studios. On Sunday, May 24 at 3pm there will be readings by writers-in-residence in a special portion of the event called, *Open Texts*.

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's Open Studios with A Canary Torsi, LMCC Arts Center in Building 110, Sunday, May 24, 3PM

Court/Garden is a three-act dance performance that is inspired by the imperial ballets of Louis XIV's French Court, the spectatorship of the proscenium stage and the presentation of video feeds as cultural, social and political frames of experience. The audience's relationship to the performance is in constant flux, investigating the structures behind the act of watching and being seen. a canary torsi (directed by choreographer Yanira Castro) invites audiences to an open rehearsal of *Court/Garden* with a reimagined third-act. The piece will be performed in its entirety in the River To River Festival.

OutdoorFest Adventures Day, Saturday, May 30, Nolan Park

OutdoorFest is bringing FREE outdoor adventure to Governors Island. We'll start the day with yoga followed by outdoor fitness classes, field day games and wilderness skills demos.

OutdoorFest is a 10-day outdoor adventure festival from May 29 - June 7th 2015 in all five boroughs of NYC. Schedule for full day of events: <http://bit.ly/1EJ9zHC>

Rite of Summer presents John Brancy and Peter Dugan, Saturday, May 30, 1 PM and 3 PM, Nolan Park

Baritone John Brancy (First prize winner of the 2013 Marilyn Home Song Competition and pianist Peter Dugan present an afternoon of vocal music by Gershwin, Dvorak, Bernstein, Chopin and the Beatles. For more information visit www.riteofsummer.com.

FIGMENT NYC, Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7, Island-wide, 10 AM to 6 PM

FIGMENT is a free, inclusive, participatory arts event held in multiple cities and drawing tens of thousands of participants each year. At FIGMENT, visitors will find works in every imaginable medium including sculpture, installation, performance, music, workshops, games, social experiments, and heart-stopping technological innovations that change the way we see the world... and visitors are invited to bring something, too!

Jazz Age Lawn Party, Colonels Row, Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14 and Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16, 11 AM to 5 PM

The 10th Annual Jazz Age Lawn Party will take place twice this season. This beloved summer event attracts thousands of fans each weekend, who come together to discover authentic music

from the 1920s and 1930s, learn the hottest dance steps of the time, frolic in their flapper dresses and glad rags and enjoy sophisticated bites and vintage-inspired cocktails in a romantic yet playful setting. For more information, visit: www.jazzagelawnparty.com.

PEN presents Worker Writers' School: Summer Semester, Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14

Features poetry workshops, political dialogues, pop-up bookstores, & proletarianization. Collaborators include the PEN American Center, Austrian cultural collective Urban Subjects, Domestic Workers United, Taxi Workers Alliance, Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees, & more.

Hedgepig Presents 15 Minute Hamlet, Saturdays, June 20 and June 27 Lawn outside of Our Lady Star of the Sea, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 PM

Hedgepig Ensemble Theatre presents The World's Fastest Hamlet. Join us for this 15 minute romp through one of Shakespeare's greatest plays June 20 & June 27. Performances will occur every hour on the hour from 11 AM-5 PM. #SpeedDateWithShakespeare #PigsDoItIn15orLess

Rite of Summer presents House of Waters, Saturday, June 20 1 PM and 3 PM, Nolan Park

This innovative three-person ensemble embraces the multi-layered sounds of the world, ignoring limiting definitions and restrictive genres. All virtuosos in their own right, with impressive credentials, the band consists of Max ZT (hammered dulcimer), Moto Fukushima (six-string electric bass), and Shane Shanahan (percussion). Their unique style is a product of intense collaboration between expert musicians who take risks, cross boundaries, and never cease to amaze. These are shape-shifting artists, whose love of music and its power is infectious. They are taking their instruments to places unimagined, and bringing their audience along with them. For more information, visit www.riteofsummer.com.

RECESS Badminton, Saturday, June 20, Colonels Row, 12 PM to 5 PM

Dust off those badminton rackets and birdies as RECESS returns to Colonel's Row for their infamous outdoor badminton challenge featuring 32 creative organizations battling for the title of New York City's supreme shuttle cockers! Festivities include guest deejays, food vendors and a beer/wine tent. A few public courts will also be available. Visit www.recessnewyork.com for more information.

Make Music New York's Porch Stomp, Sunday, June 21, Island Wide, 1 PM -5 PM

Come on down to Governors Island and holler up a storm at the second annual MMNY Porch Stomp! With over 30 performances, jams and workshops by artists ranging from bluegrass and old-time to folk and roots, this is a hootenanny you won't want to miss. For more information, visit makemusicny.org.

River to River Festival, Thursday, June 18 - Sunday, June 28 LMCC's Art Center on Governors Island

The annual arts festival of Lower Manhattan, River to River, has several performances on Governors Island scheduled this year. See the River to River events below.

<http://www.rivertorivernyc.com/>

**Catherine Galasso's *Fall of the Rebel Angels: X*, Friday June 26 at 1 PM, Saturday and Sunday June 27 and 28 at 5 PM, Building 19A in Nolan Park
Open rehearsals also offered Friday-Sunday between May 23 and June 25, Noon to 5 PM**

Fall of the Rebel Angels: X is an evening-length interdisciplinary work for five performers loosely inspired by the Baroque painter Peter Paul Rubens. Using Rubens' paintings as thematic scaffolding, the project investigates visceral physicality, sensuality and the spectacular. Begun in 2012, *Fall of the Rebel Angels* is an ongoing series of performance "studies," with each chapter created for different casts and different sites. This approach mirrors Rubens' own process: for every painting he would sketch several "studies" in pen and ink or charcoal. *X* is the tenth iteration of *Fall of the Rebel Angels*, and will combine content generated for previous studies with new scenes inspired by the Nolan Park former military housing units on Governors Island.

**John Kelly's *Love of a Poet*, Friday June 26 at 4 PM, Saturday and Sunday June 27 and 28 at 2 PM, Lower Level of Building 110
Open rehearsal offered June 25 at 4 PM**

John Kelly's *Love of a Poet* received accolades and an Obie Award for its premiere in 1990 at Lower Manhattan's Battery Maritime Building, the current terminal for ferries to and from Governors Island. For *River To River* 2015 Kelly is re-constructing the work for the Arts Center at Governors Island. The site-specific work incorporates Robert Schumann's 1840 *Dichterliebe* song cycle, sung by Kelly in the countertenor register, and includes the original black-and-white 16mm film sequences by Anthony Chase as well as a completely new set/installation by artist Jarrod Beck.

Emmanuelle Huynh-Company *Mua Cribles/Wild Governors*, Friday June 26 at 3 PM, Saturday and Sunday June 27 and 28 at 3:30 PM, Parade Ground
Cribles/Wild, originally premiered outdoors in 2010, is a "May Pole" dance with ten local choreographed dancers exploring the round—a simple, archaic form that so often serves as a vehicle for celebrations, rites and rituals. Performed to Iannis Xenakis' *Persephassa* for six percussionists, the piece makes powerful use of the composers' spatial architectures and ultimately wonders whether we can see music and hear dance.

Open Studios with Process Space Artists in Residence, Saturday, June 27, 1 PM – 3 PM, LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island in Building 110

Join LMCC and River To River for Open Studios with *Process Space* artists-in-residence at Governors Island. Visit with visual and performing artists and writers who have been working in the Arts Center at Governors Island since March. The weekend will feature behind-the-scenes access to 20 multi-disciplinary artists' studios.

Open Studios Discussion with Eiko and Emmanuelle Huynh, with Process Space Artists in Residence, Sunday, June 28, 1 PM, LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island in Building 110

A discussion between two internationally lauded choreographers in anticipation of their upcoming collaboration. Eiko and Emmanuelle may discuss individuals who have influenced their work, their respective current challenges and inspirations and identities as Vietnamese/French and Japanese/American women, as well as their personal transformations and approaches to performing, choreographing, and teaching dance.

Open Studios Discussion with Wally Cardona, Sunday, June 28, 1 PM, LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island in Building 110

A discussion exploring how Cardona and Bepler's creative processes and motivations led to the protocols used in the cross-cultural installments of *The Set Up* and how both hold space for the ambiguities and discoveries inherent in working with differing cultural imprints and placements. As an independent researcher, Yamauchi is participating in the process of "discussing/doing/dancing" and examining how the *The Set Up* and its creators are "undoing tendencies toward certainty in art."

Rite of Summer presents Don Byron New Gospel Quintet, Saturday, July 11, 1 PM and 3 PM, Nolan Park

The Don Byron New Gospel Quintet was launched in the spring of 2009 and had its world premiere at the Jazz Standard in New York. The band has since then toured in Europe and the US and been received enthusiastically by audiences and critics alike. For more information, visit www.riteofsummer.com.

New York Transit Museum Vintage Bus Bash! Saturday July 11 and Sunday July 12

The New York Transit Museum's fleet of vintage buses heads to Governors Island for a summer weekend! Iconic "fishbowl" style windshields, Jackie Gleason's famed bus driver appearance in *The Honeymooners*, and the first air-conditioned bus in the country transport visitors back to the 1940s and 1950s. For more information visit www.mta.info/museum

Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance presents The City of Water Day Festival, Saturday, July 18, 10 AM to 4 PM

A day of entertainment, education and adventure celebrating our waterfront and its potential. Enjoy free boat tours, children's activities, fishing, the Waterfront Activity Fair, and more! For more information, visit www.cityofwaterday.org.

Come Out & Play Field Day and Family Day at the Parade Ground, Saturday, July 18, 11 AM to 5 PM

Come Out & Play is a free festival for players of all ages. Each year Field Day showcases spectacular new field games & sports for adults to play. Family Day provides a day of field games for the whole family to play together. For more information, visit www.comeoutandplay.org.

It's Your Tern Festival, Sunday, July 19, Yankee Pier

Come celebrate Governors Island's treasures: Common terns and oysters! Common terns have recently colonized several decommissioned piers on the Governors Island waterfront; in 2013, researchers from NYC Audubon and Cornell University counted 181 nests and banded 100 chicks. The Tern Festival will take place from noon until 4pm and will feature speakers, a bird tour of Governors Island, a botany and natural history tour of the Island, a common tern viewing station, and short guided boat trips to view the nesting terns from the water.

New York City Poetry Festival, Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26, 11 AM to 5:30 PM

The Poetry Society of New York will once again invite New Yorkers to come together for this two day festival to celebrate NYC's vibrant poetry community. The event will include over 60 poetry organizations and 250 poets on its three stages; a Vendor's Village where local booksellers, artists and craft makers will sell their wares; a beer garden sponsored by Brooklyn Brewery; healthy and delicious food options; poetic installation art throughout, the

Ring of Daisies open mic; and last but not least, the Children's Poetry Festival, complete with writing games and its own fourth, all-kids stage.

Open Studios with Juliana May, Friday, July 31, LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island in Building 110

See behind the scenes of choreographer Juliana May's process.

Open Studios with Will Rawls, Friday, July 31, LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island in Building 110

See behind the scenes of choreographer Will Rawl's process.

The Plantation, Saturday, August 15, Commanding Officer's House 3 PM

A free site-specific staged reading of *The Plantation*, a new adaptation of Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*, set during Reconstruction, Virginia 1870, and staged on Governor's Island by adaptor/director Claire Beckman on the 150th anniversary of the end of The Civil War, and the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights movement.

RECESS Bocce, Colonels Row, Saturday, August 22, 12 PM to 5 PM

Itchy for bocce anyone? Join RECESS for a day of outdoor fun in the sun as 32 creative organizations put their lawn skills to the test, rolling and knocking off each other's bocce balls on the makeshift grass courts on Colonel's Row. Festivities include guest deejays, food vendors and a beer/wine tent. A few public courts will also be available. Visit www.recessnewyork.com for more information.

NYC Unicycle Festival, Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6, 12 PM

NYC's Unicycle Festival rolls across New York City this September. Activities include races, competitions, exhibitions, and a variety of unicycle sports including basketball, hockey and sumo. For fans of extreme riding, the Hell on Wheel trials course challenges riders throughout the day. World-famous riders display their skills, and members of the public have the opportunity to try one-wheel riding. DJ Sky King keeps the one-wheel tempo rocking. The NYC Unicycle Festival is a Bindlestiff Family Variety Arts, Inc. production. For more info: www.nycunifest.com

Open Studios with Kyle Decamp, LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island in Building 110, Saturday and Sunday September 26 and 27, Noon to 5 PM

See behind the scenes of choreographer Kyle DeCamp's process.

Open Studios with Artists in Residence, LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island in Building 110, Saturday and Sunday September 26 and 27, Noon to 5 PM

Join LMCC for Open Studios with *Process Space* artists-in-residence at Governors Island. Visit with visual and performing artists and writers who have been working in the Arts Center at Governors Island since August. The weekend will feature behind-the-scenes access to 20 multi-disciplinary artists' studios.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAMS

Castle Williams and Fort Jay will be open daily all season. Times and programs will vary during the season. For more information visit www.nps.gov/gois

The following programs run until June 12:

Explore Castle Williams Daily. Courtyard open 10 AM until 4:30 PM. Tours every hour from 11:30 AM till 3:30 PM. About 30 minutes. Get some history in the round at the best-preserved circular fortification in the nation. On weekends the Castle is open until 5:30 PM with an additional tour at 4:30 PM.

Experience Fort Jay: An Island Star! *Courtyard open daily 10 AM until 4:00 PM. Weekends tours every hour from 11:30 AM till 3:30 PM. About 30 minutes, meet at the Fort Jay bridge.* Fortify your mind! Tour one of the best examples of classic star-shaped fort design anywhere in the country, including the oldest structure on the island.

Hike through History: *Weekends. 2:30 PM at Soissons Dock.* About 90 minutes. See the whole history of the island in one go. Our most comprehensive program takes you to nearly every highlight in the historic district. No tickets or reservations required. Visitors should be prepared to stand for a full 90 minutes and walk a distance of about 1.5 miles.

More programs to come including Kid's programs, special topics such as "Civil War Baseball," and Civil War Artillery.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Free Bike Mornings: May 25-September 25 (Every weekday)

Borrow a bike for free for up to one hour from Blazing Saddles on Colonels Row. Free bikes are offered every weekday morning from 10 AM to noon.

What's Happening on Governors Island: May 23-September 27 (Every day), Building 110

Visit the interactive exhibit in Building 110 to learn more about Governors Island's new park and public spaces and The Hills as they are under construction. Visitors are invited to use Post It™ notes, markers and stamps to provide their feedback about what's happening on the Island.

Empire Historic Arts presents: "Lost Amusement Parks of New York City", May 23-September 27 (Saturdays and Sundays), Building 20B in Nolan Park

An installation of ephemera and artifacts from a bygone era of NYC's amusement parks.
www.empirehistoricarts.org

2015 New York Electronic Art Festival presented by Harvestworks, Saturdays and Sundays, May 23-July 19, Buildings 5 A & B in Nolan Park

The festival experimental works by local, national and international digital media artists and provides a public forum for the celebration and display of the most current technological art and discussion. www.harvestworks.org

The Dysfunctional Theatre Company presents The Dysfunctional Collective, Saturdays and Sundays, May 23-September 27, Building 8B in Nolan Park, 12 PM – 5 PM

A former officer's home is turned into a grab box of art, poetry, dance, theater and song. Each week new works will be offered, usually with a focus on Governors Island or New York City as a

whole. Stop by to explore the house and see photos and artwork from local artists. Have your picture snapped, hear a song, see a short play and explore the house with us. For details on the specific programming each week, visit www.dysfunctionaltheatre.org or stop by the house and pick up a program guide for more information.

(Counter)Public: Art, Intervention & Performance in Lower Manhattan from 1978-1993, LMCC's Arts Center in Building 110, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holiday Mondays, May 23–September 27

The 1980s through the early 1990s represent a time of extremes—socially, politically and artistically. While not attempting to be a survey, *(Counter)Public: Art, Intervention & Performance in Lower Manhattan from 1978–1990* presents a snapshot of a time and place where a diverse group of artists were simultaneously making work. The exhibition looks at artists' varied—but invariably strong—responses to the overall political climate, the HIV/AIDS crisis, civil rights violations, the changing public sphere and the impact of newly pervasive media through public art, intervention and performance specifically in Lower Manhattan.

Earth Matter Compost Learning Center: Saturdays and Sundays, May 23-September 27, 12-4 PM, Fridays by pre-registration, Enter at the Park Oval

Earth matter hosts visitor open hours every Saturday and Sunday. The Center's schedule is: 12 - 1 pm- animals-in-the-compost cycle and care for animals; 1-1:30pm- instructional "how to" compost; 2:00-2:30pm "featured" activity focus; 3-4 pm "what to compost". Come for a tour of our variety of composting methods and devices. Families welcome. www.earthmatter.org

GrowNYC's Teaching Garden, Saturdays and Sundays, May 23-September 27 Noon to 4, Enter at the Park Oval

GrowNYC's Teaching Garden is an 8,000 sq ft urban farm that aims to engage, excite, and educate the public in all aspects of urban agriculture and green infrastructure through workshops and family appropriate activities. We have 30 vegetable and fruit beds made from recycled plastic lumber, an outdoor kitchen, a high tunnel, NYC's largest solar cooker, and more!

Children's Museum of the Arts Free Art Island Outpost Program: May 23-September 27 (Weekends, 11 AM to 3 PM), outside of Building 14, Nolan Park

Join CMA's Teaching Artists for free hands on art-making each weekend. Collaborate with other visitors on a variety of themed art workshops including painting, sound design, sculpture, animation, podcasting, and more!! For more information visit cmany.org.

Better Than Jam Handmade Gift Shop, May 23-September 27, Fridays-Sundays, Building 410A in Colonels Row

The Brooklyn shop of all locally handmade products will be taking the ferry ride over, and bringing with it the creations of New York City's most talented designers, artists and crafters. The cute yellow house will be filled with the work of talented people, who have created some amazing and original products, just for the island shop. With the help of the Etsy New York Street Team, the shop will also host family-friendly demonstrations and workshops on Saturdays 2-4, to show and teach visitors some of their skills. For more information visit www.betterthanjamnyc.com/governorsisland

Brooklyn Artery, Saturdays and Sundays, May 23-September 27, Nolan Park Building 10B

Brooklyn ARTery, has a gift shop featuring one-of-a-kind handmade merchandise and delicious snacks. DIY drop in classes for all ages, Saturdays 2-4pm. ARTery Gallery features a rotating

exhibit of professional artists work upstairs and ARtery's talented Caracaturist Kenly Dillard will be on hand to draw your portrait in front of the shop! For more information, visit www.brooklynartery.net.

Art Kibbutz, Sundays, 11 AM – 5:30 PM, May 24-September 13, Nolan Park Building 6B

Art Kibbutz, international Jewish artist community and residency program will host over 50 visual artists, writers, composers, and performance artists as part of an extraordinary summer of art making, exploration, and networking on Governors Island. Artists will focus on Shmita, the Sabbatical Year fostering a healthier environment and a more equitable and just society. For more information visit <http://www.artkibbutz.org>.

FIGMENT NYC Summer Long Programs 2015, June 6-September 25

Below are FIGMENT NYC's programs on the Island for the 2015 season:

- Play on the Miniature golf course: Putt away at the 8th annual, artist-designed minigolf course! This year's theme, "From Here to There", captures transportation options from the past, present and future: http://newyork.figmentproject.org/minigolf_course.
- Explore Benjamin Jones' Tree House, now in its 4th year, at the beautiful south end of the Parade Ground: <http://newyork.figmentproject.org/treehouse>
- Interact with sculpture: The 7th annual Sculpture Program includes a selection of wildly imaginative, interactive sculptures: http://newyork.figmentproject.org/sculpture_program
- See the pavilions: In 2015, FIGMENT, the Emerging New York Architects Committee (ENYA) of the American Institute of Architects New York Chapter (AIANY), and the Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEAoNY) selected **two winning designs** in the 5th annual City of Dreams Pavilion Competition: **Billion Oyster Pavilion by BanG Studio (NYC)**, and **Organic Growth by Izaskun Chinchilla Architects (Madrid/London)**: http://newyork.figmentproject.org/city_of_dreams_pavilion

HERE, Saturdays and Sundays, Pershing Hall, July 25 -September 27

Enjoy fresh and adventurous hybrid works in progress by HERE's resident artists from all disciplines – theater, music, dance, puppetry and media art. And get a first look at two works premiering this fall, *Chang(e)* and *Genet Porno*.

A.I.R exhibitions, Saturdays and Sundays in August and September, Building 5B in Nolan Park

In August, see new work from A.I.R. fellows in downstairs gallery then head upstairs to see more than 40 small pieces by other A.I.R. artists. This is the final venue of a year-long traveling show that has been shown in Nashville, San Francisco, Princeton and St. Louis. In September, the whole house will be devoted to an exhibition of work by the New York artists. Come by and see the art and take part in a program with UnderwaterNewYork (uwny.org) and their "digital journal of writing, art and music inspired by real-life objects found in the waterways of New York City". Weekend discussions and programs relating to the harbor, the island and the related art installations are also planned. Bring children to the art table on the porch and enjoy outdoor workshops.

Sculptors Guild presents “Laws of Attraction”: May 23-July 20, Saturdays and Sundays and Holiday Mondays, Noon to 5 PM, Building 15 in Nolan Park

The Sculptors Guild presents this exhibition curated by *Richard Timperio*, Sideshow Gallery. This exhibition represents a broad range of innovative sculptural works responding to the theme of attraction. Free public programs offered throughout the summer. Visit SculptorsGuild.org for up to date event details.

The Holocenter’s Summer Museum: Saturdays and Sundays, May 23 –September 27, Building 19B in Nolan Park

Enjoy workshops, talks and tours to explore light, optics and holography. Exhibition and event information can be found at www.holocenter.org/summer-museum

Writing on It All: Saturdays and Sundays in June, Building 8A in Nolan Park, 1 PM – 6 PM

In their third year, Writing On It All hosts an exciting array of New York artists and writers, including Paul Ramirez Jonas, Shani Jamila, José Joaquín García, and more, as they lead a diverse public in a collaborative repurposing of a Governors Island house’s interior walls as a writing canvas. After each session, the house will remain open to the public. For more information, visit writingonitall.com

New York Historical Society presents *Revolution: NYC & the War for Independence*, July 4-September 27, Building 18 in Nolan Park

This exhibition about the American Revolution and New York City is presented in conjunction with the arrival of the exact replica of General Lafayette’s 18th century ship, the *Hermione*, in New York Harbor.

The Makery’s Island Makeground, Saturdays and Sundays, July 25-September 20, Building 8A in Nolan Park

The Makery is a pop up makerspace for inventors of all ages. From 3D modeling & printing to electronics, physical computing, engineering, art, and coding, The Makery offers experiences where communities can gather to play with the creative power of technology. Returning to Governors Island for a second summer, The Makery will be transforming a historic house in Nolan Park into a digital playground with interactive exhibits and experiential events for the public to explore. For more info visit www.nycmakery.com

MoveWorks presents ReArrange: Saturdays and Sundays, August 8-23, House 10A in Nolan Park 2 PM and 4 PM

An interactive site-specific dance performance for audiences of all ages. With dance, live music, and out-of-this-world costumes, a cast of kooky characters transform an ordinary house into a whimsical world of curiosities. This performance event is being produced by MoveWorks, a New York City based dance company driven by WILD imagination and lead by co-choreographers, Christian Serrano and Sarah Foster.

Governors Island Art Fair, weekends in September, 11 AM – 6 PM

“*Gems Among the Ruins*”, says NY Times about the painting, photography, sculpture, installation, video and sound at Governors Island Art Fair - NYC’s largest independent exhibition. 4heads, a group of NY artists, awards exhibition space to 100 artists of exceptional talent for the 8th annual GIAF!

General Information about Governors Island's 2015 Public Season

Operating Hours

Governors Island is open every day from May 23 through September 27. On weekdays, the Island is open from 10 AM to 6 PM. On weekends, Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Island is open from 10 AM to 7 PM. The Island will be open on July 4th from 10 AM to 6 PM and is not open for fireworks viewing.

Ferries

Governors Island is open seven days a week. Ferries will run from Lower Manhattan all seven days and also run from Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 6 on Saturdays, Sundays, Memorial Day and Labor Day. All weekday and weekend afternoon ferries from Brooklyn and Manhattan are \$2 round trip for adults. Children under 12 ride for free at all times and senior citizens' fares are half price. Morning ferries (10 AM, 11 AM and 11:30 AM from Manhattan and 11 AM and 11:30 AM from Brooklyn) on Saturdays and Sundays are free for all. There is no surcharge for bicycles.

Visitors will be able to purchase ferry tickets at the Battery Maritime Building in Lower Manhattan or at Pier 6 in Brooklyn. Tickets will also be available for purchase online in advance. A season pass will also be available for purchase online through the NY Waterways website later this month. More information about the season pass and the purchase of advanced tickets will be provided in coming weeks.

A full ferry schedule is available at <http://www.govisland.com>.

Visitors can also take the East River Ferry service to Governors Island for \$6. For a full schedule visit <http://www.eastriverferry.com/>.

Biking

Every day, visitors can bring their own bikes, or rent one while visiting. Free Bike Mornings allows visitors to borrow a bike for free for up to one hour every weekday between 10 AM and noon.

Food

Guests are welcome to bring their own food while visiting and can also purchase food on the Island. Visitors are not permitted to bring alcohol on the Island but alcohol can be purchased and consumed in specific areas. Grilling is not permitted.

Drinking water fountains, including bottle filling stations, are located at Soissons Landing and in the new park.

There is a wide range of food options available seven days a week on the Island. Special guest vendors will also be on the Island on weekends. Vendors include:

Alchemy Creamery (open Thursday-Sunday)

Alchemy Creamery distills the youthful joy of ice cream into delectable dairy-free, vegan, kosher and gluten-free signature flavors.

Fauzia's Heavenly Delights (open Friday-Sunday)

Fauzia's returns to the Island with Carribean-Neuvou and multi-ethnic cuisine.

Little Eva's (open Wednesday-Sunday)

Little Eva's offers a beer garden serving beer and wine. In addition, Little Eva's specializes in seafood dishes including salads and sandwiches.

Perfect Picnic (open Tuesday-Sunday)

Perfect Picnic offers a take away picnic of bread, various cheeses, charcuterie and beverages. You can pick from "Classic", "American" or "Kids" Picnic.

Mr. Softee (open everyday)

Mr. Softee offers the classic ice cream essentials of the summer along with beverages and novelties.

Veronica's Kitchen (open everyday)

A former Vendy award winner, Veronica cooks up West Indian favorites such as Jerk Chicken and Curry Goat. Veronica's has a variety of homemade beverages and delicious sides as well.

Blue Marble Ice Cream (open weekends)

Blue Marble serves up premium ice cream using exclusively certified organic grass-fed dairy and organic sugar.

Brooklyn Soda Works (open weekends)

Brooklyn Soda Works is a New York based company that makes hand-made carbonated fruit-juices and artisanal sodas.

Carl's Steaks (open weekends)

An iconic NYC brand serving Yankee Stadium for 9 years, offering authentic Philly Cheesesteaks as well as chicken and vegetarian options.

El Paso Taco (open weekends)

El Paso has been serving some of the best tacos from their upper east side restaurant for over a decade. They specialize in traditional tacos with interesting twists.

Pyramid Coffee (open everyday)

Pyramid sells a variety of fresh sandwiches, salads, drinks, chips, snacks and ice cream.

Sweet Chili's (open weekends)

Sweet Chili's is the brainchild of Top Chef Runner Up, Lisa Fernades, and serves gourmet Thai and Vietnamese fusion.

Waffles & Dinges (open weekends)

Waffles & Dinges offers authentic Belgium waffles either savory or sweet as well as ice cream, milkshakes and other beverages.

About The Trust for Governors Island

The Trust for Governors Island is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to transform Governors Island into a vibrant resource for New York City, making this island at the center of New York Harbor a destination with extraordinary public open space, as well as educational, not-for-profit and commercial facilities.

For more information, visit www.govisland.com.

About Governors Island National Monument

The National Park Service manages Governors Island National Monument, which consists of twenty-two acres, including the historic fortifications Castle Williams and Fort Jay. The Monument is one of twenty-two sites operated by the National Park Service in the New York City area. Its purpose is to preserve and protect Castle Williams and Fort Jay, and to interpret them and the harbor's rich history and ecology for the public. More information can be found at www.nps.gov/gois.

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