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Free Admission, Special Programming Mark Fifth Annual *Night at the Museums* Tuesday, June 19

Evening Features Prime Access to Lower Manhattan's Most Beloved Cultural Institutions

NEW YORK – Downtown has one of the most diverse and concentrated groups of culturally significant institutions in the world, and ***Night at the Museums*** is the signature event each year that showcases the breadth of all it has to offer. Now in its fifth year, the event boasts participation from 15 organizations offering free admission and a slate of special programming, performances, exhibitions and tours. *Night at the Museums* takes place **Tuesday, June 19, from 4–8 p.m.** and is hosted by the Downtown Cultural Association as part of **River To River Festival 2018**, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's annual summer arts festival.

Night at the Museums welcomes visitors of all ages to spend a summer evening exploring New York City's history and heritages. In celebration of Downtown also as a premier dining destination, this summer's *Get Low* campaign, sponsored by the Downtown Alliance, offers restaurant goers a 20 percent discount at a range of restaurants in the area on summer Tuesdays, so they can taste their way through Lower Manhattan all season. Patrons can check out the Downtown Alliance's Instagram account [@downtownnyc](https://www.instagram.com/downtownnyc) to find out which restaurants are running the special each week, beginning after Memorial Day. #GetLow2018

All activities are free, but some require tickets or advance reservation. Information guides will be available at all venues, as well as downloadable/viewable online. For complete information, including a map and schedule of events, see below or visit **NightAtTheMuseums.org**.

Participating *Night at the Museums* institutions are:

African Burial Ground National Monument is the first national monument and museum dedicated to Africans of early New York and Americans of African descent. This year marks the 153rd commemoration of June 19, 1865, commonly known as "Juneteenth." On this day, the state of Texas announced the abolition of slavery, and more generally the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the former Confederacy of the southern United States. Rangers will make presentations throughout the evening, and the film *Our Time at Last* will screen. The monument is located at 290 Broadway, between Duane and Reade Streets. nps.gov/afbg

China Institute is the go-to resource on China—from ancient art to today's business landscape and its rapidly shifting culture. Its programs, school and gallery exhibitions bring to life the depth, complexity and dynamism of China. Tour the latest gallery exhibit "Art of the Mountain: Through the Chinese Photographer's Lens" and enjoy a live-music performance. China Institute is located at 40 Rector Street, between West and Washington Streets. chinainstitute.org

Federal Hall National Memorial features exhibits that present the history of Federal Hall, a museum and memorial to America's first President and the beginnings of the United States. National Park Service Ranger-led tours will take place on the hour from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the Junior Ranger program features activities for kids. Visitors can also take home a copy of the Bill of Rights. nps.gov/feha

Fraunces Tavern® Museum is the only museum located in Manhattan that focuses on the Colonial period, Revolutionary War and the Early Republic. Learn how important New York City was during the birth of the nation at this historic site and museum. Special exhibitions include, "Confidential: The American Revolution's Agents of Espionage." Enjoy live 18th-century music and dance lessons provided by the Tricorne Dance Ensemble; join a guided tour of the museum; and snap a souvenir photo in the Colonial Costume Photo Booth. Also, sign up for the museum's mailing list and receive a free Fraunces Tavern pin. frauncestavernmuseum.org

Lower Manhattan Tours takes visitors through the historic capital of world finance: the square mile of downtown Manhattan known as "Wall Street." Mini-Walking Tours (half-hour duration) will take place every 30 minutes, from 4–7 p.m. Tours meet in front of 55 and 57 Wall Street and end at one of the museums or historic sites participating in *Night at the Museums*. Please book in advance at WallStreetWalks.com. Tours will fill up quickly. A small number of slots will be held for walk-ups.

Museum of American Finance is the nation's only independent museum dedicated to American finance and financial history. The museum is currently undergoing renovation and closed to the public, but museum representatives will be available street-side to offer insight into museum content and future programming and exhibitions. MoAF.org

Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is New York's contribution to the global responsibility to never forget. The museum is committed to the crucial mission of educating diverse visitors about Jewish life before, during, and after the Holocaust. On view are the permanent Core Exhibition and Andy Goldsworthy's "Garden of Stones," and special exhibitions "Memory Unearthed: The Lodz Ghetto Photographs of Henryk Ross"; "New Dimensions in TestimonySM," created by USC Shoah Foundation; and "The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm." Tours of the Core Exhibition will be offered on the hour from 4–7 p.m. mjhnyc.org

National Archives at New York City connects visitors to New York history. Engage with costumed historical interpreters to learn about democracy in action, the women's suffrage movement and more. Visit the Learning Center to discover the many national treasures of New York. Go on an "Archival Adventure," pull archival facsimile documents off the shelves, and other learning activities. In the Welcome Center, view original documents that explore records related to the Vietnam War, and begin a journey into family history research/genealogy in the Research Center by examining immigrant arrivals (including Ellis Island), federal census and naturalization (citizenship) records, plus so much more. Giveaways include tattoos, pencils and National Archives pins, while supplies last. archives.gov/nyc

National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution illuminates through exhibitions and programs the diversity of Native peoples of the Americas, from the Arctic Circle to the southern tip of Patagonia. Activities and programming embrace the newly opened imagiNATIONS Activity Center, a family-friendly, interactive learning environment where the focus is Native innovations throughout history that shape the modern world. The museum is located at One Bowling Green within the historic Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, across the street from Battery Park. Tours will also be offered on the hour from 5–7 p.m. of the museum's exhibitions "Infinity of Nations" and "Transformer: Native Art in Light and Sound," as well as the Custom House building itself. Please visit the calendar at AmericanIndian.si.edu for tour details.

National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the country's principal institution concerned with exploring the implications of the events of 9/11, documenting the impact of those events, and exploring 9/11's continuing significance. Free admission is from 5–8 p.m., with the last admission two hours prior to closing. Tickets are not available in advance and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis at the museum starting at 4 p.m. Distribution time is subject to change. 911memorial.org

9/11 Tribute Museum is a project of the September 11th Families' Association and offers visitors a place where they can connect with people from the 9/11 community: survivors, family members of lost loved ones, first responders, recovery workers, and people who live and work in Lower Manhattan. Visitors will learn about the historic events of that day, along with the personal experiences, the unprecedented rescue and recovery operations, and the tremendous spirit of support and generosity that arose after the attacks. 911tributemuseum.org

NYC Municipal Archives at the NYC Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) preserves and provides public access to historical records and information about New York City government. Its collections date from 1645 to the present. Records include office records, manuscripts, still and moving images, vital records, maps, blueprints and sound recordings. nyc.gov/records

Poets House offers something for everyone in the wide and varied tradition of verse. Visitors can peruse the 70,000-volume poetry library and view exhibitions that focus on the physical and visual expression of poetry. View archival materials from Poets House's history, including handwritten correspondence from legendary poets and writers. Participate in a literary scavenger hunt: visitors will be given popular poems with several words missing and will have to find the poems within the books of Poets House's extensive library. poetshouse.org

The Skyscraper Museum, located in the world's first, and foremost, vertical metropolis, celebrates New York City's rich architectural heritage and examines the historical forces and individuals that have shaped its successive skylines. Visit the museum and join the Curator's Tour, with founding director Carol Willis, of the special exhibition, "MILLENNIUM: Lower Manhattan in the 1990s," at 5 p.m. skyscraper.org

South Street Seaport Museum is dedicated to telling the story of "Where New York Begins," and the rise of New York as a port city and its critical role in the development of the United States. The museum uses its historic buildings and ships to provide interactive exhibits, education and unique visitor experiences. Visit the exhibit, "Millions: Migrants and Millionaires Aboard the Great Liners, 1900–1914," in the main museum building at 12 Fulton Street. On Pier 16, there will be open tours of the 19th-century sailing ship *Wavertree* and hourly tours of the lightship *Ambrose* (limited availability; registration on-site). For *Night at the Museums* exclusively, Bowne & Co., located at 209-211 Water Street, will highlight selected examples that show the breadth and brilliance of 19th-century letterpress printing, as well as demonstrate with equipment not regularly on public view. southstreetseaportmuseum.org

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About the Downtown Cultural Association

The Downtown Cultural Association is comprised of cultural organizations located in Lower Manhattan below Chambers Street. Its purpose is to foster collaborations among and promote the visibility of Downtown's cultural resources. A key project has been the creation of the Downtown Culture Pass, a three-day pass to museums and attractions that is geared toward tourists. DowntownCulturePass.org

About the River To River Festival

River To River, a Lower Manhattan Cultural Council public engagement initiative, inspires residents, workers, and visitors in Lower Manhattan, by connecting them to artists, new ideas and perspectives, and other art-lovers to demonstrate the role that artists play in creating vibrant, sustainable communities. LMCC.net

About the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC)

Since its founding in 1973, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) has been dedicated to empowering artists and enhancing the cultural vibrancy of New York City through a broad range of platforms and initiatives, all based on the belief that artists are an inspirational and catalyzing force within any community. LMCC.net

About The Downtown Alliance

The Downtown Alliance is striving to make Lower Manhattan a wonderful place to live, work and play by creating a vibrant multi-use neighborhood. It provides service, advocacy, research and information to advance Lower Manhattan as a global model of a 21st-century Central Business District for businesses, residents, and visitors. The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street. downtownny.com

About NYC & Company

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