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### HUDSON RIVER PARK ANNOUNCES RETURN OF IN-PERSON EVENTS WITH 2021 LINEUP

*Wetlab tours, dance lessons, live concerts, interactive STEM programming and more are planned for the coming months*

**NEW YORK (June 16, 2021)** — Hudson River Park is announcing its calendar of events for 2021, with both virtual and in-person programming planned for the coming months. This year, park goers can enjoy an array of free events for the whole family, from dance classes, jazz concerts and outdoor workouts to hands-on science and wildlife programs.

This exciting lineup of events kicks off in June and runs through early November. As the city rebounds from the pandemic, local residents and visitors alike are invited to relax and explore the four-mile Park and waterfront Estuarine Sanctuary while immersing themselves in the upcoming recreational and educational activities offered by the Park. The complete program of events for the season is below.

“After an unprecedented year of virtual everything, we are so excited to welcome our community back in-person with a new programming lineup,” **said Noreen Doyle, President and CEO of Hudson River Park Trust.** “From events rooted in environmental education and sustainability to music performances, dance lessons, fitness classes and more, New Yorkers and visitors can bask in Hudson River Park’s pristine open spaces and get back to the activities they enjoy. We are proud to host this jam-packed schedule of free and fun events that further our mission of welcoming and serving all New Yorkers and visitors in an exceptional outdoor recreational space.”

#### **2021 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Healthy on the Hudson:** Take your workout outside along the Hudson River with the Park’s lineup of dynamic fitness classes. Ranging from HIIT workouts and run club to yoga and tai chi, these free workouts are adaptable to all fitness levels and will take place Monday through Saturday, each week from June to October. Healthy on the Hudson is presented by lululemon.
- **Wetlab Re-Opens Summer 2021:** HRPK’s River Project team is excited to re-open the Wetlab this summer. This unique indoor space contains a flow through aquarium system that houses local wildlife including striped bass, lined seahorses and diamondback terrapins. Starting in July, the River Project team will be offering tours where you can meet local wildlife face-to-face and learn more about our local environment.
- **Hudson River Tours:** As one of Manhattan’s largest continuous green spaces, HRPK offers many opportunities to connect with our local waterfront. This summer’s tour series will be offered in-person, focusing on some of the Park’s most distinct spaces, such as the Pier 26 Tide Deck and Community Compost Center. Join us for these engaging and relaxing walks led by experienced guides.

- **Dance in HRPK:** Join world-renowned instructors and learn new dancing skills with Hudson River Park's lineup of dance classes, being held in-person and virtually this summer. Express your rhythm and passion with Bollywood and Bhangra, led by Ajna Dance and new this summer, Batingua Arts performers invite you to discover and partake in the ever-evolving African-Caribbean dance style. Sunset Salsa returns virtually, led by famed performer, Talia Castro-Pozo.
- **Sunset on the Hudson:** Live concerts are back this summer at Hudson River Park, along with accompanying live streams so you can tune in from anywhere. From June to September, relax and unwind with the sounds of genre-defining musicians, including Neo Soul from *Koku Gonza*, Reggae from *The Big Takeover*, Pop Rock from *Zach Comtois*, Dominican Fusion from *Yasser Tejeda & Palotr * and more. If you're in the Park, you may also catch a pop-up performance by some of these artists on various piers.
- **Ask a Scientist:** Engage with marine science and STEM experts as they discuss current research projects. This monthly online series invites the public to participate in engaging talks followed by a live Q&A session on topics that include water quality; diversity, equity and inclusion in STEM; and more.
- **Hudson RiverKids:** Gather the whole family for singing, dancing, story-telling, discovery and more with Hudson RiverKids. Taking place virtually and in-person from June to August, each week offers something new and exciting for your little ones to participate in.
- **Live From the Field:** This popular online science series is back for another season. Tune in weekly as Park scientists conduct local research with programs focused on environmental DNA, oyster restoration, fish surveys and more. Live From the Field takes place on Thursdays at 2 PM from June 3 to October 28 on Instagram Live.

Through its programs and events, the Park aims to promote sustainability efforts, protect its extensive environmental landscape and educate New Yorkers and visitors alike about the Park's diverse ecosystem. In addition to the lineup of events announced for 2021, the Park is home to a variety of public open spaces, with plenty of activities and experiences for everyone, from restaurants and attractions to sports and play areas.

## **2021 FULL EVENTS LINEUP**

To register for events at Hudson River Park, visit: [hudsonriverpark.org/visit/events/](https://hudsonriverpark.org/visit/events/)

**Ask a Scientist** — Facebook Live | June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8  
*Engage with leading marine scientists and STEM experts as they discuss current research projects and environmental topics, followed by a live Q&A session.*

**Blues BBQ Festival** — Virtual | August 20 at 7:00 PM  
*Performers include: Amethyst Kiah, Jontavious Willis, Lola Gulley, The World Famous Harlem Gospel Choir and Thornetta Davis*

**Dance in HRPK** — Pier 45 at Christopher St. / Virtual | Tuesdays, June 8-October 26  
*Beginner lessons at 6:30 PM, Open Dance at 7:15 PM*

- Jun 8-Jul 13 - Bollywood & Bhangra

- Jul 20-Aug 31 - Batingua Arts
- Sept 7-Oct 26 - Sunset Salsa (virtual)

**Diversity Digest** — Facebook Live | May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6  
*Be a volunteer naturalist and help catalog the various wildlife and plant species found within the Park. Then, during monthly Diversity Digest programs our River Project team shares community wildlife observations live.*

**Healthy on the Hudson** — Various Locations | June 14-October 2 | Weekdays: 6:30-7:30PM |  
 Saturdays: 9:30-10:30 AM  
*Presented by lululemon*

- Mondays, Pier 26 at N Moore St. - High Intensity Interval Training
- Tuesdays, Pier 64 at W 24 St. - Yoga
- Wednesdays, Pier 46 at Charles St. - High Intensity Interval Training
- Thursdays, Pier 40 at W Houston St. - Run Club
- Fridays, Pier 84 at W 44 St. - Tai Chi
- Saturdays, Pier 62 at W 22 St. - Pilates led by Chelsea Piers Fitness

**Historic Vessel Tours** — Facebook Live | Wednesdays, June-September

**HRPK Green Team** — Saturdays, May 1 & 22, June 5 & 26, July 17 & 24, August 7 & 21,  
 September 18, October 2, November 6, December 4  
*Join the dedicated team of volunteers who are vital to the Park's success and ensure it remains clean, green and thriving for all visitors. No experience necessary. All on-site training and materials are provided.*

**HRPK's River Project Wetlab** — Pier 40 at W Houston St | Open July-October  
*Hudson River Park's River Project is dedicated to protecting the Park's 400-acre Estuarine Sanctuary and engaging the local community in environmental science and stewardship. The Park's Pier 40 is also home to the River Project Wetlab, a unique working lab that features a flow-through Hudson River aquarium system that provides a look into the many species that call the Hudson home.*

**Hudson RiverKids** — Facebook Live | Mondays, June 7-August 30 | 4:00-4:45PM

- Jun 7 - Bilingual Birdies
- Jun 14 - City Stomp
- Jun 21 - Drag Queen Story Hour
- Jun 28 - Falu's Bazaar
- Jul 12 - Tim Kubart
- Jul 19 - Zing!
- Jul 26 - Baby Fingers
- Aug 2 - Story Pirates
- Aug 9 - Kid Ace
- Aug 16 - Sweetbeatz
- Aug 23 - Suzi Shelton
- Aug 30 - Mike Messer

**Hudson River Tours** — Various Locations | Wednesdays, May 12-October 27 | 6:00 PM  
*Experience the Park's plantings, river views and wildlife with a walking tour of the Park's unique spaces, including the Pier 26 Tide Deck, Community Compost Center and more.*

**Jazz at Pier 84** — Pier 84 at W 44 St. | June 16-September 22 | 7:00 PM

*Presented by Jazz Foundation of America*

*Supported by Amazon*

- Jun 16 - Whitney Marchelle
- Jun 30 - ZonaVibe
- Jul 14 - Sylvia Cuenca
- Jul 28 - Steve Blum and the Molecular Organ Trio
- Aug 11 - Bertha Hope 5tet
- Aug 25 - Abdou Mboup & Waakaw
- Sept 8 - Firey String Sistas!
- Sept 22 - TC THE 3RD

**Live From the Field** — Instagram Live | Thursdays, June 3-October 28 | 2:00 PM

*Tune in as Hudson River Park scientists share their ongoing research on environmental DNA, oysters, fish populations and more.*

**Pumpkin Smash** — Sunday, November 7 | 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

*Dispose of your leftover pumpkins the fun and sustainable way with Hudson River Park's Pumpkin Smash. HRPK provides the tools and you bring the pumpkins for a smashing good time!*

**Shell-ebrate Oysters** — Various Locations | July 21, August 18 | 6:00 PM

*Learn about the incredible history of oysters and their ecological importance from Park staff dedicated to studying and researching this crucial species that clean our waterways, protect shorelines and build habitat.*

**SUBMERGE Marine Science Festival** — Virtual & In-Person | Tuesday-Thursday, October 19-21

*Hudson River Park's SUBMERGE Marine Science festival celebrates New York City's coastal waters and brings marine science to life by inspiring audiences of all ages to learn about marine science and STEM programming. Join us for awesome experiments, local wildlife, science entertainment and more.*

**Sunset on the Hudson** — Facebook Live | Thursdays, July 8-September 2 | 7:00 PM

*Supported by Amazon*

- Jul 8 - Resistance Revival Chorus
- Jul 15 - Koku Gonza
- Jul 22 - Manhattan Samba
- Jul 29 - Alsarah and the Nubatones
- Aug 5 - The Big Takeover
- Aug 12 - Zach Comtois
- Aug 19 - Yasser Tejeda & Palotré
- Aug 26 - High & Mighty Brass Band
- Sept 2 - Coco & Breezy

### **About Hudson River Park**

Hudson River Park extends from Chambers Street to 59th Street along Manhattan's west side, making it one of the longest riverfront parks in the United States and an important outdoor

recreational area for countless New Yorkers. The Park plays a critical role in protecting the Hudson River ecosystem and is committed to educating residents on the local habitat and environment.

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