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Brooklyn Children's Museum Recognizes Caribbean Culture at the "Celebrate the Caribbean" Event This Saturday, August 5

The celebration will feature games, stilt walkers, storytelling, art-making, and steel drum performances



Photo credit Winston Williams (Brooklyn Children's Museum)

(Brooklyn, NY)— On Saturday, August 5, Brooklyn Children's Museum will celebrate Caribbean heritage and culture with a day of dance, music, food, and more. The all-day event will feature stilt walkers, art-making, face painting, and steel drum performances. Other activities will include a children's author storytime series presented by the Brooklyn Caribbean Literary Festival, and performances and workshops by CarNYval Dancers, Sesame Flyers, and Harmony Music Makers. The event is presented in partnership with the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA), New York State Assembly Member Brian Cunningham, and New York City Council Member Rita Joseph.

Food will be provided by local Caribbean food vendors, including Allan's **Bakery**, **Creme and Cocoa Creamery**, and **Nelia's Veg Kitchen**. Get ready for a day of live music, dancing, art-making, and delicious food.

What: Celebrate the Caribbean

When: Saturday, August 5, from 10 am-5 pm

Media are encouraged to arrive between 10:30 am and 1:00 pm for b-roll and interview opportunities.

Who: Brooklyn Children's Museum

Representative of New York State Assembly Member Brian Cunningham

Council Member Rita Joseph Alliah L. Agostini (author) Alyssa Reynoso-Morris (author)

Katia D. Ulysse (author)

Danielle Y. C. McClean (author)

CarNYval Dancers

Sesame Flyers International Harmony Music Makers

Food provided by Nelia's Veg Kitchen, Allan's Bakery, and Creme and Cocoa Creamery

Where: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213

Tickets: Tickets are \$13 for adults and children older than one year old; grandparent tickets are \$12; children under one are free. Purchase tickets here.

Learn more about the event and programming at www.brooklynkids.org/celebrate-the-caribbean.

Schedule:

Afro-Caribbean Dance with CarNYval Dancers – Rooftop, 2nd Floor

- 10:30 am-11:00 am
- 11:45 am-12:15 pm

Immerse yourself in the movements of Afro-Caribbean dance with **CarNYval Dancers**. Afterwards join in and learn a few dance moves yourself!

Flying High with the Sesame Flyers – Rooftop, 2nd Floor

- 11:00 am-11:45 pm
- 2:30 pm-3:15 pm

See the colorful costumes of the award-winning **Sesame Flyers International!** A live DJ and Moko Jumbies (stilt walkers) will lead dance performances and limbo.

Stars of the Sea Touch Tank – The Beach, Lower Level

- 11:30 am-12:00 pm
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm

Discover underwater critters from oceans around the world. The Caribbean sea star will brighten your day!

Storytelling with Caribbean Authors - Auditorium, 1st Floor

- 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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Engage with different Caribbean-centered stories from a diverse group of Caribbean authors: Alliah Agostini, Katia D. Ulysse, Alyssa Reynoso-Morris, and Danielle Y. C. McClean.

Sounds of Steelpan with Harmony Music Makers - BK Voices, 2nd Floor

- 12:30 pm-1:00 pm
- 2:00 pm-2:30 pm

Join the pannists of **Harmony Music Makers** as they give an introduction to the significance of steelpan in Caribbean culture and teach the basics of playing the instrument.

Carnival Headdress - ColorLab Art Studio, 2nd Floor

- 10:30 am-11:00 am
- 11:15 am-11:45 am
- 12:00 pm-12:30 pm
- 2:30 pm-3:00 pm
- 3:15 pm-3:45 pm
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm

Visit the ColorLab Art Studio and make your own vibrant carnival headdress with **WIADCA**. Afterward, head to the rooftop with your creation for a dance party!

FOOD – Rooftop, 2nd Floor

- 11:00 am-4:30 pm

About Brooklyn Children's Museum

Inspired by the energy and diversity of our borough, Brooklyn Children's Museum creates experiences that ignite curiosity, celebrate identity and cultivate joyful learning. Founded in 1899 as the world's first children's museum, Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) is New York City's largest cultural institution designed especially for families. Proudly based in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, BCM serves 300,000 children and caregivers annually with exhibits and programs grounded in visual arts, music and performance, natural science, and world cultures. For more information, visit: https://www.brooklynkids.org/