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## **Still We Rise: Brooklyn Children's Museum and Community Hosts Juneteenth Celebration in Brower Park**



*Celebrate Juneteenth at Brooklyn Children's Museum. Photo credit: Joshua Miller.*

**(Brooklyn, NY) — Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM)** and community partners will host their annual Juneteenth celebration on **Thursday, June 19** in Brower Park. The family-friendly event, themed "Still We Rise" in tribute to Maya Angelou's powerful poem of resilience and determination, will feature live performances, interactive activities, and community engagement from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The special commemoration will be presented in partnership with [Brooklyn Conservatory of Music](#), [Friends of Brower Park](#), [Brooklyn Public Library – Brower Park Library](#), the [Crown Heights North Association](#), Council Member Chi Osse, and [Repair the World Brooklyn](#). Juneteenth offers the opportunity to acknowledge hard truths from U.S. history, celebrate the liberation of the

enslaved ancestors of African Americans, and work together to advance racial healing, equity, and justice in our communities.

The celebration is free and open to all, and takes place at Shirley Chisholm Circle in Brower Park. Brooklyn Children's Museum will be open for regular admission from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Museum is free starting at 2:00 pm as part of its weekly Community Access Thursday hours, sponsored by Amazon.

From 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, visitors can enjoy:

- Performances by [Brooklyn United Marching Band](#) and [Brooklyn Conservatory of Music](#)
- Line dance workshops led by [STooPS](#)
- Bookmobile and storytime from [Brooklyn Public Library](#)
- Free book giveaway from [Brooklyn Book Bodega](#)
- Planting activities with [Field Meridians](#)
- A special bookmaking and quilting project led by Brooklyn Children's Museum, inspired by the historic African American quilting community of Gee's Bend
- Choral performances by the [Brooklyn Interdenominational Choir](#)
- Musical performances by musical duo [Red Sahara](#)
- Delicious eats provided by [The Bergen Food Truck](#)
- Additional performances and community partners to be announced.

"Juneteenth is about celebrating freedom, family, and the importance of our resilient communities," says **Atiba T. Edwards, President and CEO of Brooklyn Children's Museum**. "At BCM, we love bringing people together. Our annual Juneteenth celebration in Brower Park is exactly what community looks like – people learning together, sharing experiences, and creating the kind of connections that make our neighborhood stronger."

"The Friends of Brower Park is so grateful to have the support of our community partners to be able to bring back Juneteenth in Brower Park," says **Marva Henry, President of Friends of Brower Park**. "Each year families show up and show out not only celebrating the liberation of our enslaved ancestors but also promoting unity as we stand today. This year's program is shaping up to be an enjoyable time in our beautiful neighborhood green space and, as always, all are welcome!"

### **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 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: [www.brooklynkids.org](http://www.brooklynkids.org).

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