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Brooklyn Children's Museum Brings Roller Skating Back to the Borough

— *Empire Skate of Mind* Opens November 15, Reviving Brooklyn's Roller Disco Legacy —



Roller skates at Empire Skate of Mind on BCM's rooftop. Photo credit Winston Williams.

(Brooklyn, NY) — Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) brings roller skating back to Brooklyn this Saturday with [*Empire Skate of Mind*](#), a roller rink opening November 15 on the Museum's rooftop terrace. Set to disco beats and fresh air, the new rink invites families to lace up and roll together. Empire Skate of Mind offers families an all-ages experience where parents skate alongside their kids, not from the sidelines.

The rink accommodates all skill levels, from first-timers learning to balance to experienced skaters gliding to disco music. BCM provides all skating equipment, including rental skates,

helmets, and wrist guards. Skating tickets include full Museum access when families are ready to explore the rest of the Museum.

The rink pays homage to the legendary Empire Roller Rink, which stood less than a mile away at 200 Empire Boulevard from the 1940s through 2007. Empire was the birthplace of roller disco in New York—a place where Brooklyn came together to skate, alongside celebrities like Cher, Prince, and Elton John. BCM's *Empire Skate of Mind* revives that community spirit with a fresh spin for today's families.

"Roller disco was born right here in Crown Heights Brooklyn at Empire Roller Disco, and *Empire Skate of Mind* brings that joyful legacy back to Central Brooklyn and NYC," says **Atiba T. Edwards, President & CEO of Brooklyn Children's Museum**. "It's providing children and families joyful learning through play. *Empire Skate of Mind* is bigger than skating—it is about community, creativity and fun. That's exactly the kind of experience we want every child to have."

Empire Skate of Mind runs November 15, 2025 through April 12, 2026, with sessions on weekdays from 2–5 pm and weekends from 10 am–5 pm. Skating tickets are \$10 per person with rental skates (\$8 for members), or \$8 per person with your own skates (\$6 for members). Museum admission is \$15 per person and free for BCM members and children under one. The rink is open to ages 3 and up.

Birthday party packages are also available for families looking to celebrate on wheels. For information, visit www.brooklynkids.org/birthdays.

For tickets, hours, and more information, visit www.brooklynkids.org/empire.

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.

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