BRONX MUSIC HERITAGE CENTER FREE!* CULTURAL PROGRAMMING SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2016

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 10 | 11:00am Street Co-Naming Ceremony for Elmo Hope
We're making history! Join us at the corner of Lyman Place and Freeman Street during a street co-naming ceremony in honor of Elmo Hope, followed by a reception at the Bronx Music Heritage Center. All new resident of Lyman Place, Hope was one of the pioneering musicians in bebop, along with Thelonious Monk and Dizzy Gillespie.

Thursday, September 15 | 8:00pm Bronx Rising! Hip Hop: From The Bronx Pa’l Mundo
Celebrate hip hop's international influence! Following the Crotonei Park DJ Jam sponsored by Tools of War at Crotonei Park, head over to the BMHC for a full set of jammin' hip hop. The event—which will feature MCs Sadat X, Bocadojja, and Flo Kennedy, accompanied by DJs Perly and Rhauloiz—is curated and MC'd by RodStarz of Rebel Diaz, who uses his music to spread awareness and denounce injustice.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 2 | 4:00-6:00pm AZA Exhibit Opening
Join us for the opening reception at BMHC of a digital photography solo exhibit by Will Calhoun, a multi-Grammy award winning Bronx musician, composer and artist-photographer. A member of the legendary rock band Living Colour, Calhoun has also worked with artists such as Wayne Shorter, Pharoah Sanders, The Rolling Stones, Yaslin Bey aka Mos Def, Lauryn Hill, amongst others. A proud Bronx resident, Calhoun is a BMHC Advisory Board Member. Opening night will also feature a short performance by Calhoun.

Friday, October 7 | 10:00am-11:00am & Noon-1:00pm Los Pleneros de la 21: Bompleno Plaza Performance/Lecture
Join authors Dr. Mark Naison and Bob Gumbs as they read from their new book, Before the Fires (Fordham University Press 2016), which consists of sixteen oral histories from residents who witnessed as vibrant communities in the Bronx were erased from memory by fires and disinvestment during the 70's and 80's, among other personal stories. This book invites us to revisit Bronx history, while inspiring a new look at urban African American history during and after World War II.

Saturday, October 8 | 3:00pm Book Reading: Dr. Mark Naison and Bob Gumbs
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Friday, October 14 | 7:00pm Coquito Masters
Get a taste of Puerto Rico during the annual Coquito Masters contest! Join us as coquito-makers compete to find the best “coquito”, a coconut-based alcoholic beverage traditionally served in Puerto Rico. Contestants prepare one gallon, which is entered into a blind taste test, and the entry with the highest score wins a chance to compete in the finals. To enter, please contact Debbie Quinones at coquitectmasters@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 22 | 7:00pm Bronx Rising! Edgar Allan Poe: El Cuervo
Bring out your best costume! Celebrate Halloween early with Edgar Allan Poe’s poetry set to Latin rhythms, as performed by Bobby Sanabria & Project X, with guest vocalist Jenn Jade Ledesna. Opening poems from the master of mystery will be read by Bronx Council of the Arts’ Charlie Vazquez. Arrive early (6pm) and get your portrait taken by Seis del Sur photographer, Edwin Pagan. Prizes will be awarded to the best costumes!

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 17 | 6:30-8:30pm Bomba Drumming Masterclass
Renowned percussionist Angel Reyes—visiting from Florida—will conduct a master Puerto Rican bomba drum class, as part of BMHC’s November Bronx Rising! program. Registration required. Contact: emartinez@whedco.org | Fee: $15

Saturday, November 19 | 7:00pm Bronx Rising! Percussive Routes: Indo-Guyanese and Puerto Rican Dance & Drumming
Using an intercultural technique that blends discourse and performance, Romane Kalicharran & Co. presents “Where Kathak and Bomba Meet in Me,” featuring two dance and percussion forms from different parts of the world: Bomba from Puerto Rico and kathak, a North Indian classical dance. Celebrating Puerto Rican Heritage Month in partnership with the BORIMIX Festival, this event features percussionist Angel Reyes on bomba barriles, and Narendra Budhakar on tablas.

Saturday, November 26 | 6:00-4:00pm Afri-Garifuna Jazz Ensemble CD Release Party
Celebrate the official launch of Taguiera (Honduras), the first recording by The Afri-Garifuna Jazz Ensemble, a unique group that fuses jazz with the Garifuna tradition, incorporating instruments such as such as maracas, Garifuna drums, turtle shells, conch shells, and the Garifuna language, along with piano and bass, imbuing it with a distinctive sound. Activities will include a reception, CD signing, and performance by the acclaimed ensemble, with Garifuna artwork on display and Garifuna food for sale throughout the evening.

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 17 | 7:00pm 4th Annual Parranda con Paranda: A Puerto Rican & Garifuna Holiday Celebration
Each year we cap our Bronx Rising! series with a concert that features traditions from two of the Bronx’s distinct Latino communities: Puerto Rican and Garifuna. This year will celebrate traditions with cuernos (horns), mainly the vejigante masked traditions from Puerto Rico (celebrated at Carnaval and the Celebration for St. James), and the charikanari and piamanadi traditions (practiced by Garifuna communities in Belize and Honduras, respectively). With Lucy Blanco, James Lovell, Bobby Sanabria, Jorge Vazquez, Felix Gamboa, and other artists, the event will also include a toy drive for El Maestro’s Three King’s Day celebration, Food will be on sale.

Wednesday, December 21 | TBD Melrose Holiday Parranda
Big Holiday blow-out, as part of Make Music New York’s winter schedule! This holiday season, we’re taking over the streets as they do in Puerto Rico and the Garifuna communities in Honduras. Join us for a strolling parranda (procession) as we spread cheer through the community gardens and casitas of the Melrose neighborhood, culminating at the most famous casa of all, Rincon Criollo.

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Dates: September 26, 27, 28 | October 3, 4, 5
Times: 2:00-6:00pm
Location: BMHC Lab | 1303 Louis Nîlée Blvd., Bronx

*In-person registration only!

All events are FREE and OPEN to the public unless otherwise noted!