

# MET FEST



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**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
**12–6 PM**

**Calling all boroughs: get ready to rock the block with the return of MetFest! Our people-powered block party is back with live music, energizing performances, and artist-led experiences for all ages. Enjoy an afternoon of cultural adventures—from Afrobeats and global street food to hands-on art activities—all celebrating the creative spirit of New York City.**

**All outdoor MetFest events are free. Indoor events are free with Museum admission. Museum admission is free for Met Members and kids under 12. For New York State residents and NY, NJ, and CT students, the amount you pay is up to you. Programs are subject to change; for the most up-to-date listings, visit [metmuseum.org/metfest](https://metmuseum.org/metfest).**

**For all art-making activities and indoor performances, space is limited. First come, first served.**

### **Accessibility**

Stop by the Welcome Table in Diane W. Burke Hall in the Ruth and Harold D. Uris Center for Education for an assistive listening device, a Sign Language interpreter, a sighted guide, a large-print or braille schedule of events, or for other questions about accessibility at The Met.



The Metropolitan Museum of Art is situated in Lenapehoking, homeland of the Lenape diaspora and historically a gathering and trading place for many diverse Native peoples, who continue to live and work on this island.

We respectfully acknowledge and honor all Indigenous communities—past, present, and future—for their ongoing and fundamental relationships to the region.

# David H. Koch Plaza

## i Welcome Table

Near 83rd Street

Have questions? Stop by and we'll help you find your way! Pick up a schedule in English, Spanish, and simplified Chinese.

## M Membership Table

Near 81st Street

A Met Membership opens up a world of unparalleled social, cultural, and personal experiences. Learn about same-day and year-round benefits for Met Members while admiring a festive floral installation.



## Performances

12 PM — STAGE

**ST Welcome and Opening Remarks**

12:15 PM — STEPS

**A Brass Queens and Brooklyn United Music and Arts Program**

Kick off the celebration with an energizing performance by Brass Queens, a female-led, New York City-based brass band, and Brooklyn United Music and Arts Program, a community-based New York City youth marching band.

12:40 PM — STAGE

**ST Brooklyn Technical High School's Lady Dragons and Organized C.H.A.O.S.**

Experience the power, style, and rhythm of Brooklyn Technical High School's female and male step teams, the Lady Dragons and Organized C.H.A.O.S.

12:55 PM — STAGE

**ST MTB—Meant to Be**

Catch a dazzling dance performance by MTB—Meant to Be, featuring students from P.S. 18 John G. Whittier School in Staten Island.

1:25 PM — STAGE

**ST Brown Rice Family**

Jam along with Brown Rice Family, a world roots band providing the masses with distinct global music encompassing reggae, hip-hop, jazz, rock, and funk.

2:05 PM — STAGE, STREET

**B Cheer New York**

Behold the showstopping routine of Cheer New York, comprised of LGBTQ+ and ally cheerleaders, who celebrate individuality and embrace all genders, sexual orientations, ethnicities, and body shapes.

2:20 PM — STAGE

**ST New York City Children's Theater**

Delight in an excerpt from *Corre, Abuelita, Run!*, a bilingual musical in English and Spanish presented by New York City Children's Theater. Head indoors for the full experience at 1 pm and 3:30 pm.

2:40 PM — STAGE

**ST DJ Rob Dinero and Shani Culture of Hot 97**

Groove along to a live DJ set with Hot 97's DJ Rob Dinero and Shani Kulture.

3:15 PM — STAGE, STREET

**C NYC Hoop Troupe**

Enjoy an energetic Hula-Hoop routine by NYC Hoop Troupe, a group of hoopers from across the five boroughs.

3:35 PM — STAGE

**ST Alethea Pace**

Experience a moving performance by Bronx-based dancer and choreographer Alethea Pace, 2023–2025 Met Civic Practice Partnership Artist in Residence, whose work integrates choreography, text, and video, and explores ambiguity, uncertainty, and the in-between, especially within the context of race and identity.

4:10 PM — STAGE

**ST Yacouba Sissoko and SIYA**

Tune in to the musical storytelling of Yacouba Sissoko and SIYA, presenting traditional West African sound through a seamless blend of genres including jazz, R&B, and Latin.

4:35 PM — STAGE

**ST Full Circle Souljahs**

Celebrate the global phenomenon of hip-hop with slick beatboxing and breakdancing presented by Full Circle Souljahs, a one-of-a-kind collective that evolves and preserves the cultural legacy of hip-hop.

5:20–6 PM — STAGE

**ST Antibalas**

Don't miss our exhilarating finale by Brooklyn-based Afrobeat band Antibalas, whose big sound, powered by horns and drums, weaves jazz and funk into a fun, energizing performance.

## Performances and Projects from The Met's Civic Practice Partnership (CPP) Artists in Residence

Meet the 2023–2025 artists participating in the Civic Practice Partnership, a residency program for artists working in close collaboration with their neighborhoods and the Museum to create ambitious projects that uplift community voices in response to The Met collection. Find more on their inspiring work at [metmuseum.org/CPPArtists](https://metmuseum.org/CPPArtists).

The Civic Practice Project is made possible by The William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust.

12–6 PM

Writer's Workshop 12:30–1:30 PM  
**534 The Free Black Women's Library Pop-Up Library with OlaRonke Akinmowo**  
Gallery 534, Vélez Blanco Patio, Floor 1

Explore a unique collection of books and other printed matter by Black female and nonbinary writers, and swap or donate related books. Join a writer's workshop inspired by science fiction writer Octavia Butler and works featured in *The Met's Before Yesterday We Could Fly: An Afrofuturist Period Room*. (See Inside the Museum, DIY and More, p. 6).

*Space for the Writer's Workshop is first come, first served; participants should plan to stay the full hour.*

12–6 PM

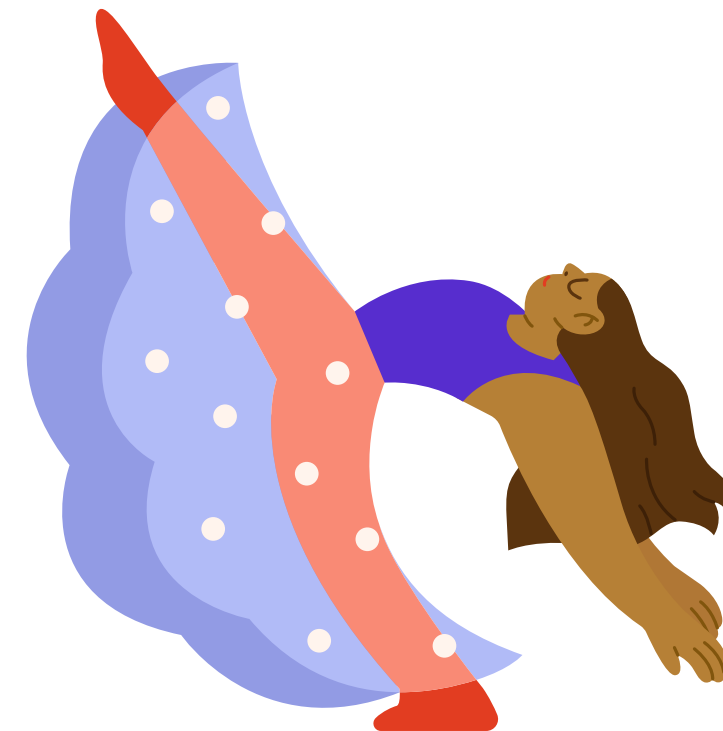
**548 Community Weaving with Brooklyn Hi-Art Machine**  
Gallery 548, Carroll and Milton Petrie European Sculpture Court, Floor 1

Explore the art of weaving with 2023–2025 Met CPP Artists in Residence Brooklyn Hi-Art Machine. Contribute to a collaborative weaving on a shared loom, and “fence weave” an artwork of your own. (See Inside the Museum, Art Making, p. 6)

3:35 PM

**ST Performance by Alethea Pace Stage**

(See Performances, opposite)



## Food & Drink

12–6 PM

**D Pop-Up Food Court by Queens Night Market**  
On 81st Street

**\$ (food for purchase)**

Fuel your MetFest celebrations and experience the many flavors of New York City by stopping by locally based, independent food vendors. All offerings \$10 or less! In partnership with Queens Night Market.

*Enjoy other food options indoors in case of rain*

## Art Making & DIY

Drop in for art and play inspired by NYC block parties and The Met collection! Activities run from 12 to 6 pm and are best for ages 3 and up.

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**Community Crochet and Fascinating Facades**  
Near 81st Street

Join Carmen Paulino, community crochet artist, to create a collaborative artwork inspired by artist Nairy Baghramian's facade commission, *Scratching the Back*.

*Rain location: Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education, Ground Floor*

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**Play and Move**  
Near 81st Street

Grab a Hula-Hoop, join a game of chess, or test your skills at cornhole.

*Enjoy other activities in case of rain*

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**BubbleMan NYC**  
Near 83rd Street

Look out for surprise pop-up performances throughout the afternoon by BubbleMan Stephen Duncan!

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**Rep Your Borough**  
Near 83rd Street

Share your NYC pride on our MetFest map with The Met's Visitor Experience team.

*Rain location: Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education, Ground Floor*

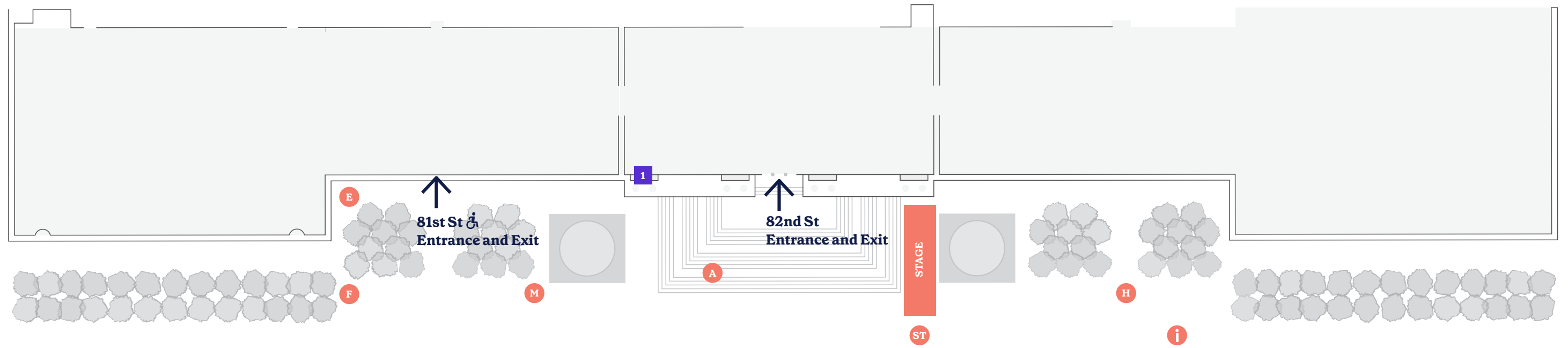
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# Inside the Museum

Come inside for art making, talks, gallery chats, performances, and more! Activities run from 12 to 6 pm, unless otherwise noted, and are best for ages 3 and up.

## 📍 Welcome Table

Diane W. Burke Hall, Ground Floor, and the Great Hall

Have questions? Stop by and we'll help you find your way! Pick up a schedule in English, Spanish, and simplified Chinese.

In Diane W. Burke Hall, ask about access accommodations and pick up a schedule in large print or braille.

In the Great Hall, check in with our guests from the bilingual English and Spanish theater company Teatro SEA!



## 🎨 Art Making

### CH Collaborative Collage

Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education, Ground Floor

Take a cue from *Picasso: A Cubist Commission in Brooklyn* and use texture and abstraction to contribute to a group collage.

### 548 Community Weaving with Brooklyn Hi-Art Machine

Gallery 548, Carroll and Milton Petrie European Sculpture Court, Floor 1

(See Civic Practice Partnership Artists in Residence, p. 3)

### 548 Drop-in Drawing—Sketching with Street Dancers

1–3 PM

Gallery 548, Carroll and Milton Petrie European Sculpture Court, Floor 1

Experience The Met collection as never before in this live drawing session that combines movement, music, and mark making with Kut the Rug Institute.

### 131 Salon Art Exchange

Gallery 131, The Temple of Dendur, Floor 1

Did you know that gifting art between artists is a time-honored tradition? Just as artists Manet and Degas did, consider sharing an artwork you made in exchange for one someone else created today.

### 131 Drop-in Drawing—Peer Portraits

Gallery 131, The Temple of Dendur, Floor 1

Create a portrait inspired by artworks featured in the exhibitions *Manet/Degas* and *Vertigo of Color: Matisse, Derain, and the Origins of Fauvism*, which examine influential artistic dialogues that changed the course of modern European painting.

### 202 Paper-Bead Snakes

Gallery 202, Great Hall Balcony, Floor 2

Learn about the importance of serpents as Buddhist symbols in ancient India. Make a paper-bead snake inspired by the serpents featured in the exhibition *Tree & Serpent: Early Buddhist Art in India 200 BCE–400 CE*.

## DIY and More

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12–6 PM

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Gallery 534, Vélez Blanco Patio, Floor 1

(See Civic Practice Partnership Artists in Residence, p. 3)

### GH MetFest Photobooth

The Great Hall

Pop into our MetFest photobooth and get a fun keepsake of your visit.

### 202 Meet Your Match

Gallery 202, Great Hall Balcony, Floor 2

Take our popular matchmaking art quiz! Pick up a quiz and find your perfect match in a work of art in The Met collection.

### CH Bilingual Birdies

1 PM AND 2 PM

Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education, Ground Floor

Jump into a new language with music, movement, and puppetry! For families with children up to age 6.

## Talks

### How Did They Do That?

Take a peek behind the scenes with Met staff, and learn how works of art were created through handling tools and materials!

### 162 Scientific Research: Metal

Gallery 162, Leon Levy and Shelby White Court, Floor 1

Meet Met scientists and learn about the mysteries behind metal.

### 502 Scientific Research: Wood

Gallery 502, Floor 1

Contribute to a community artwork and explore how artists dye wood.

### 202 3D Imaging

Gallery 202, Great Hall Balcony, Floor 2

See the high-tech ways Met specialists scan and color art objects.

### 209 Objects Conservation

Gallery 209, The Astor Forecourt, Floor 2

Try your hand at repoussé, a metal artmaking technique, and hear how Met staff keep artworks safe.

### 217 Handscroll Demonstrations

Gallery 217, The Astor Court, Floor 2

See a work of art in action! Join Met curators and conservators to see how they handle works of art.

### Met Expert Staff Pop-Up Talks

Join Met staff members from across the Museum for short talks in the galleries to hear unique insights. Find a full list of times and locations at [metmuseum.org/metfest](https://metmuseum.org/metfest).

### Gallery Chats in Multiple Languages

12:30–5 PM

810 19th Century European Paintings, Gallery 810

456 Islamic Art, Gallery 456, Floor 2

461 Islamic Art, Gallery 461, Floor 2

909 Modern and Contemporary Art, Gallery 909, Floor 1

760 The American Wing, Gallery 760, Floor 2

155 Greek and Roman Art, Gallery 155, Floor 1

121 Egyptian Art, Gallery 121, Floor 1

207 Asian Art, Gallery 207, Floor 2

Dive deep into The Met collection with Museum guides during these ongoing talks. Find a "Gallery Chat" sign to get started! Offered in English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

## Performances

Space may be limited; first come, first served

### L Building Beats Live DJ

12–2 PM, 3–6 PM

The Robert Lehman Wing, Court Level

Celebrate the day with tracks spun by teen DJs from Building Beats, inspired by Hip-Hop 50.

### 371 Pipe Organ Live

1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, AND 4 PM

Gallery 371, Emma and Georgina Bloomberg Arms and Armor Court, Floor 1

Delight in the sonic beauty of the Thomas Appleton pipe organ in short recitals by Marco Jimenez (YoungArts Winner in Classical Music, 2020 and 2021).

### 81 Make Music with the Material Orchestra

12:30 PM, 1:30 PM, AND 2:30 PM

81st Street Studio, Uris Center for Education, Ground Floor

Enjoy interactive musical performances by artists in the 81st Street Studio, our new drop-in art and science discovery and play space for kids ages 3–11 and their families and caregivers.

### 700 The Crazy Adventures of Don Quixote Puppets with Teatro SEA

12:30 PM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, AND 3:30 PM

Gallery 700, The Charles Engelhard Court, Floor 1

Go on an interactive, bilingual musical adventure in English and Spanish with Teatro SEA and their beautiful, handmade puppets.

### 206 ¡Corre, Abuelita, Run! with New York City Children's Theater

1 PM AND 3:30 PM

Gallery 206, Asian Art, Floor 2

In this bilingual musical in English and Spanish, young audiences (ages 2–5) join Abuelita on a language journey through the five boroughs during the New York City Marathon.

### 926 Rooftop Readings with Douglas Kearney

3 PM AND 4 PM

Gallery 926, The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden, Floor 5

Hear the reflections of poet Douglas Kearney and be inspired by *The Roof Garden Commission: Lauren Halsey*.

### 208 Need a break?

Galleries 208 and 233, Asian Art, Floor 2

Check out these quiet galleries and enjoy some art away from the action.



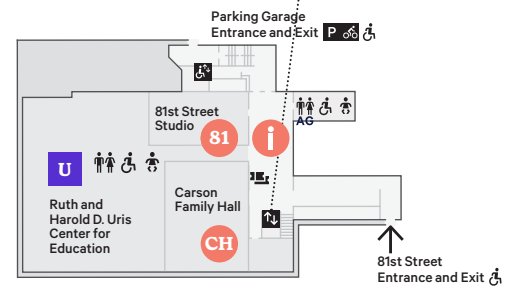
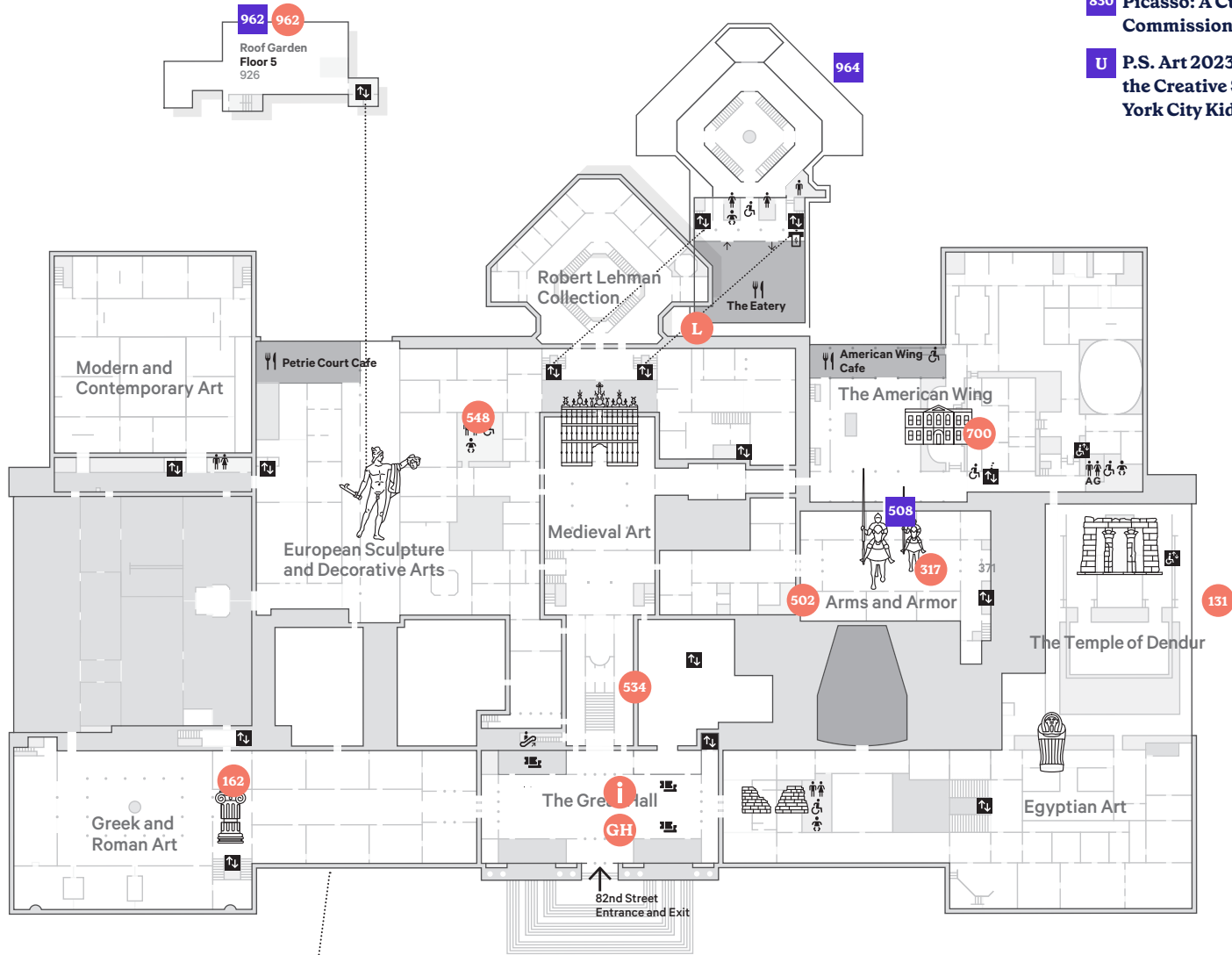
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- AG** All Gender/Family Restroom
- A** Accessible
- E** Escalator

## Food and Drink

Enjoy 10% off today at our dining locations, featuring a special **MetFest menu, with the code MetFest. Members receive 20% off.**

The Eatery \$  
The American Wing Cafe \$  
The Petrie Court Cafe \$  
The Cantor Roof Garden Bar \$

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## You Might Also Like...

**81st Street Studio (open 10 am–5 pm today)**  
Uris Center for Education, Ground Floor  
*Space is limited: first come, first served*

Explore our new drop-in discovery and play space for kids ages 3–11 and their families and caregivers. It's where art and science meet! The Interactive Musical Station was designed by Yamaha.

**The Roof Garden Commission: Lauren Halsey**  
Gallery 926  
THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 2023

The exhibition is supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies. Additional support is provided by The Daniel and Estrellita Brodsky Foundation, the Barrie A. and Deedee Wigmore Foundation, Cynthia Hazen Polsky and Leon B. Polsky, and Vivian and Jim Zelter.

**Tree & Serpent: Early Buddhist Art in India, 200 BCE–400 CE**  
Gallery 999  
THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2023

The exhibition is made possible by Reliance Industries Limited, The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Global, and the Fred Eychaner Fund. Major support is provided by the Estate of Brooke Astor, the Florence and Herbert Irving Fund for Asian Art Exhibitions, and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.

**Manet/Degas**  
Gallery 899  
THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2024

*Manet/Degas* is organized by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and the Musées d'Orsay et de l'Orangerie, Paris. The exhibition is made possible by Alice Cary Brown and W.L. Lyons Brown, the Sherman Fairchild Foundation, and Harry and Linda Fath. Additional support is provided by the Janice H. Levin Fund, the Gail and Parker Gilbert Fund, The Sam and Janet Salz Trust, and Rosalind and Kenneth Landis. This exhibition is supported by an indemnity from the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

**Vertigo of Color: Matisse, Derain, and the Origins of Fauvism**  
Gallery 964  
THROUGH JANUARY 21, 2024

The exhibition is made possible by The Florence Gould Foundation. Additional support is provided by an Anonymous Foundation. The exhibition is organized by The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

**The Facade Commission: Nairy Baghramian, *Scratching the Back***  
Exterior facade  
THROUGH MAY 28, 2024

The exhibition is made possible by the Jane and Robert Carroll Fund, Angela A. Chao and Jim Breyer, Robert Denning, Cynthia Hazen Polsky and Leon B. Polsky, and The Hayden Family Foundation. Additional support is provided by Marguerite Steed Hoffman, Melony and Adam Lewis, Nancy A. Nasher and David J. Haemisegger, Jerry Speyer and Katherine Farley, and Carlo Bronzini Vender and Tanya Traykovski.

**Before Yesterday We Could Fly: An Afrofuturist Period Room**  
Gallery 508  
ONGOING

The exhibition is made possible by the Hobson/Lucas Family Foundation and the Director's Fund. Additional support is provided by Art Mentor Foundation Lucerne and the Terra Foundation for American Art.

**Picasso: A Cubist Commission in Brooklyn**  
Gallery 830  
THROUGH JANUARY 14, 2024

This exhibition is made possible by the Leonard A. Lauder Research Center for Modern Art. This exhibition is supported by an indemnity from the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

**P.S. Art 2023: Celebrating the Creative Spirit of New York City Kids**  
Ruth and Harold D. Uris Center for Education  
THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 2023

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