MET FEST
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.

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

Saturday, October 21, 2023
12–6 PM

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.

#MetFest @metmuseum
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.

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

Performances

12–6 PM Writer’s Workshop 12:30–1:30 PM The Free Black Women’s Library Pop-Up Library with Olarone Akinmowo Gallery 534, Vélez Blanco Patio, Floor 1

Explore the art of weaving with 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 Performance by Alethea Pace Stage (See Performances, opposite)

Food & Drink

12–6 PM Pop-Up Food Court by Queens Night Market On 81st Street

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.

Community Crochet and Fascinating Facades Near 81st Street

Join Carmen Pouladin, community crochet artist, to create a collaborative artwork inspired by artist Nairy Baghramian's facade commission, Scratching the Back. (See Performances, opposite)

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Play and Move Near 81st Street

Get a kids-Hip-Hop, join a game of chess, or test your skills at cornhole. Enjoy other activities in case of rain

BubbleMan NYC Near 83rd Street

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

Rep Your Borough Near 83rd Street

Show your NYC pride on our MetFest map with Queens Night Market. All offerings $10 or less! In partnership with Queens Night Market.

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12 PM – STAGE DJ Rob Dinero and Shani Kulture of Hot 97

Groove along to live DJ sets with Hot 97’s DJ Rob Dinero and Shani Kulture.

12:15 PM – STEPS 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 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 MTB—Meant to Be

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

1:25 PM – STAGE Brown Rice Family

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

2:05 PM – STAGE Cheer New York

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

2:30 PM – STAGE New York City Children’s Theater

Delight in an excerpt from, Cero, Akébash, Aar’t, 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.

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3:15 PM – STAGE, STREET NYC Hoop Troupe

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

3:35 PM – STAGE Alethea Pace

Experience a moving performance by Bronx-based dancer and choreographer Alethea Pace, 2022–2023 Met Civic Practice Partnership Artist in Residence, whose work integrates choreography, text, and video, and explores anti-typology, uncertainty, and the in between, especially within the context of race and identity.

4:10 PM – STAGE Yacouba Sissoko and SYA

Tune into the musical storytelling of Yacouba Sissoko and SYA, presenting traditional West African music through a seamless blend of genres including jazz, R&B, and Latin.

4:35 PM – STAGE Full Circle Souljahs

Celebrate the global phenomenon of hip-hop with slick breakdancing 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 Antibalas

Don’t miss our exhilarating finale by Brooklyn-based Afrobeat band Antibalas, whose big sound, slick beatboxing and breakdancing presented by New York City Children’s Theater. Head indoors for the full experience at 1 pm and 3:30 pm.

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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

**Collaborative Collage**  
Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education, Ground Floor  
Take a cue from Picasso: A Cabinet Commission in Brooklyn and use texture and abstraction to contribute to a group collage.

**Community Weaving with Brooklyn Hi-Art Machine**  
Gallery 548, Carroll and Milton Petrie European Sculpture Court, Floor 1  
(See Civic Practice Partnership “Arts in Residence,” p. 5)

**Drop-in Drawing—Sketching with Street Dancers**  
1–3 PM  
Gallery 484, 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 Karla Bug Institute.

**Salon Art Exchange**  
Gallery 151, The Temple of Dendur, Floor 1  
Did you know that gifting art between artists is a time-honored tradition? Join an artist host and Dixie Dugan did, consider sharing an artwork you made in exchange for one someone else created today.

**Drop-in Drawing—Peer Portraits**  
Gallery 151, The Temple of Dendur, Floor 1  
Create a portrait inspired by artworks featured in the exhibitions Varon/Degas and Winge of Color: Mantua, Venice, and the Origins of Fashion, which examine influential artistic dialogues that changed the course of modern European painting.

### DIY and More

**The Free Black Women’s Library Pop-Up Library with OlaRonke Akimewo**  
12–6 PM  
Writer’s Workshop 12:30–1:30 PM  
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**MetFest Photobooth**  
The Great Hall  
Pop into our MetFest photobooth and get a fun keepsake of your visit.

**Meet Your Match**  
Gallery 202, Great Hall Balcony, Floor 2  
Take your popular matching-art quiz! Pick up a quiz and find your perfect match in a work of art in The Met collection.

**Bilingual Birds**  
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.

**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 of Serpents: Early Buddhist Art in India 200 BCE–400 CE.

### 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!

**Scientific Research: Metal**  
Gallery 162, Leon Levy and Shelby White Court, Floor 1  
Meet Met scientists and learn about the mysteries behind metal.

**Scientific Research: Wood**  
Gallery 502, Floor 1  
Contribute to a community artwork and explore how artists dye wood.

**3D Imaging**  
Gallery 202, Great Hall Balcony, Floor 2  
See the high-tech ways Met specialists scan and color art objects.

**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.

**Handscrew Demonstrations**  
Gallery 217, The Astor Court, Floor 2  
See a work of art in action! Join Met conservators and curators 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.

**Met Chats in Multiple Languages**  
12:30–5 PM  
Gallery Chats in English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

**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 Jefferson pipe organ in short recitals by Marco Jimenez (YoungArts Winner in Classical Music, 2020 and 2021).

**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.

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**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.

### Performances

**The Crazy Adventures of Don Quixote Puppets with Teatro SEA**  
12:30 PM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, AND 5:30 PM  
Gallery 700, The Charles Engelhard Court, Floor 1  
Go on an immersive, bilingual musical adventure in English and Spanish with Teatro SEA and their beautiful, handmade puppets.

**¡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.

**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.

**Need a break?**  
Galleries 208 and 233, Asian Art, Floor 2  
Check out these quiet galleries and enjoy some art away from the action.

**Greek and Roman Art, Gallery 155, Floor 1**

**Egyptian Art, Gallery 121, Floor 1**

**Asian Art, Gallery 207, Floor 2**

*How Did They Do That?*  
Dive deep into The Met collection with Museum guides during these engaging talks. Find a “Gallery Chat” sign to get started! Offered in English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

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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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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 Jane and Robert Carroll Fund, the Sherman Fairchild Foundation, and the Janice H. Levin Fund. Additional support is provided by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.

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 Fith. Additional support is provided by the Howard H. Lehman Fund, the Gail and Parker Gilbert Fund, the Sam and Janet Sals 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 Margarette Steed Hoffman, Melony and Adam Lewis, Nancy A. Nasher and David J. Haesmeegger, 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
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