Welcome to MetFest, our first-ever Museum-wide block party and a celebration of the transformative power of the arts! Connect with artists and community partners from across New York City for live music, performances, art-making activities, unique tours, and more. MetFest honors the central role of art in our lives and highlights the resilience of New York City and its people.

All outdoor MetFest programs are free. Indoor programs 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.

The rain date for MetFest is Saturday, October 16, 2021, 12–6 PM.

Accessibility
Stop by the Information Table on the David H. Koch Plaza or the Welcome Table in the Great Hall or the Ruth and Harold D. Uris Center for Education for an assistive listening device, a Sign Language interpreter, an audio describer, a sighted guide, a large-print or braille schedule of events, or for other questions about accessibility in 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.
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Performances and Projects from The Met’s Civic Practice Partnership (CPP) Artists in Residence

Meet artists participating in the Civic Practice Partnership, a residency program for artists working in close collaboration with their neighborhoods and The Met to create ambitious projects that uplift community voices while responding to the Museum’s collection. More on their inspiring work can be found at metmuseum.org/CPPArtists.

2:50–3:10 PM
Mei Lum and the W.O.W. Project
CPP Artist 2020–2022
Stage
Inspired by the Kwoma ceremonial house ceiling in the Oceanic Art galleries in The Michael C. Rockefeller Wing, Mei Lum and the W.O.W. Project weave opera, poetry, and ritual offerings into a performance centering the voices and narratives of the Asian American diaspora rooted in care, joy, and healing.

3:30–4 PM
Miguel Luciano
CPP Artist 2018–2021
Stage
Multimedia visual artist Miguel Luciano, in collaboration with The Met’s Department of Musical Instruments, references the cuatro (1995) made by Efrain Vega in a dynamic sonic video performance featuring Fabiola Méndez on view both online and in the galleries. East Harlem–based bomba and plena ensemble, Los Pleneros de la 21, honors the music and culture of Puerto Rico and El Barrio in a live performance on the Plaza stage.

5:20–6 PM
Toshi Reagon
CPP Artist 2020–2022
Stage
Singer, composer, and congregational creator Toshi Reagon presents Belonging Capture Freedom—a musical movement and text exploration featuring Taína Asili, Morley Be Steadwell, Shivazette Tinnin, Gaetano Vaccaro, and more.

10–6 PM
Gastronomical Station with Jon Gray of Ghetto Gastro
CPP Artist 2020–2022
Near 83rd Street
$ (food for purchase)
Stop by the Gastronomical Station for delicious signature dishes, including Wavy Waffles, curated by Jon Gray of Ghetto Gastro.

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

12–6 PM
Chalk Art
Near 81st Street
Make your mark at The Met by adding to a collaborative chalk drawing.

12–6 PM
Fascinating Facades
Near 81st Street
Marvel at the work of artist Carol Bove, who created the current commission for The Met facade. The accents aren’t helping and design your own facade sculpture.

12–6 PM
DIY
Near 81st Street
Grab a Hula-Hoop, join a game of chess, or test your skills at cornhole.
12 PM
1 Welcome and Opening Remarks
2 Batalá New York
2:15–2:35 PM
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Inside the Museum

Come inside for talks, gallery chats, art making, and unique tours! 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
Pick up a schedule in English, Spanish, simplified Chinese, large print, or braille. Ask about access accommodations here.
In the Great Hall, check in with our surprise guests from the bilingual English and Spanish theater company Teatro SEA and the community cultural organization Loisaida Center to get oriented!

Membership Desk
The Great Hall
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.

Art Making
My NYC Wish
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What’s your wish for the city? Add your ideas expressing hope for the future and read those of other visitors.

Reframing The Met with ThoughtMatter
The American Wing, Gallery 700, The Charles Engelhard Court
Participate in a collaborative project and share what The Met means to you with a photo frame and a writing prompt.

Drop-in Drawing
Egyptian Art, Gallery 131, The Temple of Dendur in The Sackler Wing
Be inspired by artists and original works of art in our signature art-making program. Experience iconic works in The Met collection through creative drawing challenges. Materials are provided.

Jingling Jewelry
Medieval Art, Gallery 305
Compose your own colorful, acoustic jewelry inspired by the sounds and shapes of the collection.

Make Your Own Mobile
The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden, Gallery 926
Be inspired by The Roof Garden Commission Alex Da Corte, As Long as the Sun Lasts and the NYC skyline.

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3. Scavenger Hunt
The Met Store, Floor 1
Visit the Met Store and pick up complimentary scavenger hunt tools to embark on a self-guided Museum scavenger hunt. Receive 10% off your purchase in The Met Store today with the code MetFest.

4. Gallery Chats: Multiple Languages
See description above. English sessions on the hour; Spanish sessions on the half-hour.

5. Experiment with Sounds
with Harvestworks
Carroll and Milton Petrie European Sculpture Court, Gallery 548
Play with F5rrawer, an eight-channel sound system and experimental sound installation by artist Sergey Kachin.

6. Thomas J. Watson Library
View a selection of titles acquired through the library’s African American Artists Project and other bibliographic splendors.

7. Medieval Tapestries
How Did They Do That?—Medieval Tapestries
Medieval Art, Gallery 305
Peek at technique and learn—through handling tools and materials—how works of art were made.

8. Meet Your Match
The American Wing, Gallery 700, The Charles Engelhard Court
Meet Museum experts and get the inside scoop about their inspiration and creative practices.

9. Ask the Expert
Egyptian Art, Gallery 131, The Temple of Dendur in The Sackler Wing
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12. Pipe Organ Live
Arms and Armor, Gallery 371, Emma and Georgina Bloomberg Arms and Armor Court
1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, AND 5 PM
Delight in the sonorous beauty of the recently conserved Thomas Appleton pipe organ in short recitals by Greg Zilke of the Madison Symphony Orchestra.

13. Bilingual Pop-Up Library
Vélez Blanco Patio, Gallery 534
Join Word Up Community Bookshop/Librería Comunitaria for an interactive daylong, and Spanish and English bilingual pop-up library and reading space for all audiences with programs and performances.

14. Met Staff Pop-Up Talks
The American Wing, Gallery 757, South Asia, Gallery 455
Visit the Met staff members from across the Museum for short talks on their favorite works. Find a full list of times and locations at metmuseum.org/metfest.

15. Drag Queen Story Hour
Asian Art, Gallery 206, The Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
12:30 PM, 1:30 PM, AND 2:30 PM
Enjoy a drag queen story time in English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

16. Bilingual Storytime
Asian Art, Gallery 227, Arts of Japan, The Sackler Wing Galleries

Performances

NYC Student Artists Talk
Ruth and Harold D. Uris Center for Education, Ground Floor
12:15 PM, 1:15 PM, 2:15 PM, 3:15 PM, 4:15 PM, AND 5:15 PM
Chat with student artists featured in P.S. Art 2021! Celebrating the Creative Spirit of New York City Kids about their inspiration and creative practices.

Behind-the-Scenes Tours
The Great Hall
Check in here for your Behind-the-Scenes tour! Advance registration required for all tours; same-day tour registration is not available.

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English and Spanish Storytime with Luz Maria Mack
2:30 PM
Poetry Marathon
4:30 PM
Seneca Village in Literature with Kia Corthron (for adults)

Bilingual Storytime with Drag Queen Story Hour
Asian Art, Gallery 206, The Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
Look, listen, sing, and have fun with picture books in English, Spanish, and Cantonese.
1 PM
English and Spanish with Baelee Noche
2 PM
English with Paradise
3 PM
English and Cantonese with Yuhua Hamasaki

Quiet Space
Asian Art, Gallery 227, Arts of Japan, The Sackler Wing Galleries
Stop by this quiet space for time with books and art.

Storytelling & Poetry

Asian Art, Gallery 217, The Astor Court
Asian Art, Gallery 229, Arts of Japan, The Sackler Wing Galleries
Art of the Arab Lands, Turkey, Iran, Central Asia, and Later South Asia, Gallery 455
The American Wing, Gallery 746, The Irving and Joyce Wolf Gallery
The American Wing, Gallery 757, Barbara and Martha Fleischman Gallery
The American Wing, Gallery 772, Jan and Warren Adelson Gallery
One deep into The Met collection with Museum guides during these ongoing talks. Find an orange ‘Gallery Chat This Way’ sign to get started!
Offered in English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

Gallery Chats in American Sign Language
ASL
1:30 PM AND 3:30 PM
Greek and Roman Art, Gallery 150, The Robert and Renée Belfer Court
2:30 PM AND 4:30 PM
Drawings and Prints, Gallery 690, Robert Wood Johnson, Jr. Gallery

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The Eatery $
The American Wing Café $
The Petrie Court Café: MetFest Pop-Up Bar $

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Exhibitions on View

The New Woman Behind the Camera
The Howard Gilman Gallery
THROUGH OCT 3, 2021
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The Medici: Portraits and Politics, 1512–1570
Gallery 999, Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Exhibition Hall
THROUGH OCT 11, 2021
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The Roof Garden Commission: Alex Da Corte, As Long as the Sun Lasts
Gallery 926, The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden
THROUGH OCT 31, 2021
The exhibition is supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies. Additional support is provided by Cynthia Hazen Polsky and Leon B. Polsky.

Jules Tavernier and the Elem Pomo
Gallery 746, The Erving and Joyce Wolf Gallery
THROUGH NOV 28, 2021
The exhibition is made possible by Jan and Warren Adelson and The Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Horowitz Foundation for the Arts. It is organized by The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

Selections from the Department of Drawings and Prints: Revolution, Resistance, and Activism
Gallery 690, Robert Wood Johnson, Jr. Gallery
THROUGH JAN 17, 2022

In America: A Lexicon of Fashion
Galeries 980–981, Anna Wintour Costume Center
THROUGH SEP 25, 2022
The exhibition is made possible by Instagram. Additional support is provided by Condé Nast.

The Facade Commission: Carol Bove, The séances aren’t helping
Exterior Facade
ONGOING
The exhibition is made possible by the Director’s Fund, the Diane W. and James E. Burke Fund, Helene and Johannes Huth, and Cynthia Hazen Polsky and Leon B. Polsky. Education programs are sponsored by David Zwirner.

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Ruth and Harold D. Uris Center for Education
THROUGH OCT 24, 2021

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