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FRIENDS OF HUDSON RIVER PARK OFFERS SEASON OF FAMILY FESTIVALS, SUNSET CONCERTS AND BOAT RIDES

Season Opens With Third Annual *Spring Eggstravaganza* on April 25

From **April 25-November 14**, Friends of Hudson River Park will present a series of *FREE* family festivals and sunset concerts in Hudson River Park, along with affordable boat rides that will launch from the Park's Pier 40 at West Houston Street in Manhattan. These programs and events are designed to attract visitors to the Park and to build support for Friends' mission, while involving both surrounding neighborhood and underserved communities throughout New York. They are typically held in areas where the Hudson River Park Trust has not yet established regular programming on its own. The season opens on April 25 with the ***Spring Eggstravaganza***, a salute to spring that features activities for the whole family like relay races, face painting, and egg-dyeing, and closes on November 14 with a fall foliage cruise up the Hudson River towards the Palisades.

Family Festivals

Specially-designed **free events** for families are again part of the Friends' upcoming season. In addition to the April 25 ***Spring Eggstravaganza***, the season includes: the fifth annual **Clinton Cove Festival**, taking place on July 25 in Clinton Cove Park at 55th Street and featuring kayaking, children's games, and live bluegrass, folk, and rock-n-roll by the **Mercantillers**; the fourth annual **Fall Equinox Celebration** on September 20, to be held at Pier 84 at 44th Street, that presents arts and crafts as well as fishing and boating for the whole family; and the third annual **Pet Parade**, occurring on October 10 at Pier 84 at 44th Street and offering the chance to enter the family pet into competition.

Clinton Sunset Concerts Series

The season will include eight one-hour **free concerts** in the Clinton section of Hudson River Park, where an eclectic mix of bands will perform everything from jazz to funk, to reggae, to bluegrass, and rock and roll. Four of these concerts will take place at Pier 84

on 44th Street, and four will be held on the grassy lawn of Clinton Cove Park at 55th Street.

The first Pier 84 concert, taking place on June 8, features the **NYCity Slickers**, whose music blends bluegrass with explosive hard-driving instrumentals and wailing tight harmonies, followed by **Roosevelt Dime**, a band combining country soul with a bluesy flavor, on July 13, and **Soul Understated**, performing soul mixed with R&B, funk and jazz on August 10. The final Pier 84 concert will take place on September 14, with the performers to be announced.

The first Clinton Cove concert takes place on June 22 with The **Mercantillers**, followed by the **Gregorio Uribe Big Band**, a 16-piece band that blends Afro-Columbian rhythms with funk and jazz, appearing on July 27; the **Stephen Beasley Project**, combining soul, rock, and funk flavored with a world music slant, appears on August 24. The series will close on September 28, with the artists to be announced.

Boat Rides

On summer holiday weekends, Friends will offer affordable boat rides along the River that will launch from Hudson River Park's Pier 40 at West Houston Street and will provide close-up views of the harbor with the Manhattan skyline as a backdrop. The **Memorial Day Weekend** sunset cruise takes place on May 24. It is followed by the **July 4th Kids BBQ** cruise celebrated aboard *The Queen of Hearts*, an historic riverboat replica. The final holiday boat ride of summer will occur on September 20, **Labor Day Weekend**. In addition, there will be a **Senior Bingo** boat ride on August 5 and a **Fall Foliage** cruises on November 7 and November 14.

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[Click here](#) for a complete chronological listing of Friends of Hudson River Park 2009 events.

**For information and program updates visit <http://www.fohrp.org> and call 212-757-0981 x 207.
Programs and artists subject to change.**

Friends of Hudson River Park, a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization, is the only community-based organization dedicated exclusively to the entire Hudson River Park. Celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2009, Friends represents thousands of organizations and individuals who share its mission of creating and preserving this world-class park for everyone.



FRIENDS OF HUDSON RIVER PARK
COMPLETE CALENDAR OF 2009 EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

1:00-4:00 pm

PIER 45

Spring Eggstravaganza

SUNDAY, MAY 24

6:00-9:00 pm

PIER 40

Memorial Day Weekend Cruise

MONDAY, JUNE 8

6:00-7:00 pm

PIER 84

Clinton Concert Series: NYCity Slickers

MONDAY, JUNE 22

6:00-7:00 pm

CLINTON COVE PARK

Clinton Concert Series: Mercantillers

SATURDAY, JULY 4

2:00-4:00 pm

PIER 40

July 4th Kids BBQ Cruise

MONDAY, JULY 13

6:00-7:00 pm

PIER 84

Clinton Concert Series: Roosevelt Dime

SATURDAY, JULY 25

1:00-4:00 pm

CLINTON COVE PARK

Clinton Cove Festival

MONDAY, JULY 27

6:00-7:00 pm

CLINTON COVE PARK

Clinton Concert Series: Gregorio Uribe Big Band

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

2:00-4:00 pm

PIER 40

Senior Bingo Boat Ride

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

6:00-7:00 pm

PIER 84

Clinton Concert Series: Soul Understated

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

6:00-7:00 pm

CLINTON COVE PARK

Clinton Concert Series: Stephen Beasley Project

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

2:00-4:00 pm

PIER 40

Labor Day Weekend Boat Ride

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:00-7:00 pm

PIER 84

Clinton Concert Series: Artists TBA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

4:00-7:00 pm

PIER 84

Fall Equinox Celebration

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:00-7:00 pm

CLINTON COVE PARK

Clinton Concert Series: Artists TBA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

1:00-4:00 pm

PIER 84

Pet Parade

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

1:00-4:30 pm

PIER 40

Fall Foliage Cruise

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:00-4:30 pm

PIER 40

Fall Foliage Cruise

Pier 40 is located at West Houston Street. Pier 84 is located at 44th Street. Clinton Cove Park is located at 55th Street.

TICKETS

For all boat ride except 4th of July Kids BBQ Cruise:

Adults: \$20

Children (12 and under): \$10

Friends of Hudson River Park Members and Business Partners: \$15

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For 4th of July Kids Cruise ONLY (BBQ lunch included):

Adults: \$25

Children (12 and under): \$15

Friends of Hudson River Park Members and Business Partners: \$20

To purchase tickets: www.fohrp.org

For more information about Friends of Hudson River Park, visit www.fohrp.org