

Friends of St. Nicholas Park Summer Calendar of Events

Updates as of July 17, 2009

<p>Thursday, July 23rd, noon <u>Park Tour with St. Nicholas Park's Gardener</u> Location: meet at the 135th St. Plaza</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 11th, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM <u>Harlem Hop meets Diggers Delight</u> Location: 135th Street Plaza Record collector DJs spin rare soul, funk, rock, and latin music from the 60's and 70's. Plus vendors selling rare records, books and t-shirts.</p>
<p>Saturday, July 25th <u>Basketball Tournament & Ollie Edinboro Court Ribbon Cutting</u> Location in Park: Ollie Edinboro Playground 140th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue</p>	<p>Monday, July 27th, 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM <u>ImageNation Film Festival</u> - Co-presented with the NY Latino Film Festival and MGM Location: 135th Street Plaza</p> <p><i>Live Music (7:30pm)</i> <u>Film: Fame (8:30pm)</u> Directed by Alan Parker 130 minutes; 1980 (classic!) Revisit the classic and see a sneak preview of the upcoming FAME tv series. Seven classes a day and a hot lunch. That's what New York City's High School for the Performing Arts guarantees. Stardom? That's something the school's teenage musicians, actors, dancers and dreamers strive for. "Fame" sings the body electric, celebrating the growing-up process of honing talent, confronting realities, finding love, living life. Director Alan Parker ("Evita", "The Commitments") brings an energetic style to the crisscrossing stories of students (including future Academy Award winner Irene Cara, Paul McCrane ("ER"), Barry Miller ("Saturday Night Fever"). Nominated for six Academy Awards, "Fame" won Oscars for its dynamic score and title tune.</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 29th, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM <u>Historic Harlem Parks Coalition Film Festival</u> Location: 135th Street Plaza Rain Site: St. Mark's Church, 55 Edgecombe Ave. btw. W137th and W138th St</p> <p><i>Live Music (7:30pm)</i> <u>Film: Antonia (8:30pm)</u> Directed by Tata Amaral: 90 min.; 2006 Part Dreamgirls, part 8 Mile, Antonia is the rousing story of the members of an all-girl hip-hop group and its members who discover themselves as they survive on the mean streets of São Paulo. Despite the obstacles they face being poor, Black and women the group pushes on. The film's uniquely Brazilian flavor offers a distinctly and pleasantly Latina spin on "Girl Power."</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 12th, 7:30pm AFRICAN NIGHT AT ST. NICHOLAS PARK Location: 135th Street Plaza Rain Venue: Harlem School of the Arts, 645 St. Nicholas Ave. @ 142nd St.</p> <p>Live Performance: Mandingo Ambassadors Film: Sex, Okra and Salted Butter (Mahamat Saleh Haroun, Chad/France, 2008, 81m.) Mr. Haroun reveals an incredible sense of humor in this comedy. An extra-marital affair leads to Hortense's separation from her very traditional African husband, who is in for a ride as he learns about her love affair, his eldest son's secret love life, and the responsibilities of single parenthood.</p>
<p>Thursday, July 30th, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM <u>Historic Harlem Parks Coalition Film Festival</u> Location: 135th Street Plaza Rain Site: St. Mark's Church, 55 Edgecombe Ave. btw. W137th and W138th St</p> <p><i>Live Music (7:30pm)</i> <u>Film: Respond to Sound II (8:30pm)</u> Directed by Adrian (AJ) Younge, 59 min.; 2007 Respond to Sound II is an experimental documentary that uses a mash-up of archival footage and interviews to tell the history of African-American urban dance. Featuring KRS-One, The Black Eyed Peas, Jazzy Jay, The Pharcyde, Cab Calloway, Sammy Davis Jr., Sandman Sims and others, this crowd pleaser is a joyous excursion through Black dance from Cake Walking to Break Dancing.</p>	<p>Thursday, August 13th, 7:00PM – 9:00PM <u>Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream</u> Location: 135th Street Plaza Presented by Pulse Ensemble Theatre</p> <p>Friday, August 14th, 7:00PM – 9:00PM <u>Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream</u> Location: 135th Street Plaza Presented by Pulse Ensemble Theatre</p> <p>The critically acclaimed Pulse Ensemble Theatre, now celebrating its 20th season, will present its 5th season of HARLEM SUMMER SHAKESPEARE</p> <p>"Not your Classic approach to the Classics!" -Join us for some summer fun!</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 4th, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM <u>Harlem Hop meets Diggers Delight</u> Location: 135th Street Plaza Record collector DJs spinning rare soul, funk, rock, and latin music from the 60's and 70's. Plus vendors selling rare records, books and t-shirts.</p>	<p>Saturday, August 15th, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM <u>ImageNation Film Festival</u> Location: 135th Street Plaza</p> <p><i>Live Performance (7:30pm)</i> <u>Film: Cadillac Records (8:30pm)</u> Directed by Darnell Martin Stars: Jeffrey Wright, Beyonce Knowles, Adrien Brody 109 minutes, 2008 This period piece chronicles the rise and fall of influential R&B record label Chess Records which launched the careers of Muddy Waters, Etta James and Chuck Berry. Leonard Chess scoured the South, checking out the various blues scenes and selling records from the back of his Cadillac in this exciting and turbulent tale. There is some profanity.</p>
<p>Monday, August 10th, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM <u>ImageNation Film Festival</u> RHYMES, RHYTHMS & RITUALS An evening of music, poetry and film co-presented with African Voices & Reel Sisters Location: 135th Street Plaza <i>Live Performances by: Bill Saxton & Autumn Asante (7:30pm)</i> <u>Short Film Showcase (8:30pm)</u> Directors: Various (see below), 76min. Films: NAPPY HEADS by Sabrina Moella, a vibrant tribute to Black women and their afros. In SPENT by Boris Schaarschmidt, Cheryl has lived the American Girl Shop until you drop fantasy. Now this ambitious real estate agent is desperate to sell a house in order to stay afloat. WHAT A DIFFERENCE by Harlemites Nikki & Khalilah Bates is a humorous and profound cautionary tale of a gold digger who can't dig no mo'. THE MATTRESS HUSTLE follows a young couple's antics as they transition from entry level jobs to the careers of their dreams and a hilarious pursuit of suitable digs in the gritty city.</p>	<p>Sunday, August 16th, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM <u>ImageNation Film Festival</u> Location: 135th Street Plaza</p> <p><i>Live Performance (7:30pm)</i> <u>Film: I'm Through With White Girls (8:30pm)</u> Directed by Jennifer Sharp 120 minutes, 2007 Jay Brooks is that black guy who digs indie rock, graphic novels, and dates white chicks. After a slew of bad break-ups, Jay gives up white women, "cold turkey," and he goes on a mission: "Operation Brown Sugar". But because Jay doesn't fit the "brotha" stereotype, he fails miserably with the "sistahs." Then he meets the dynamic Catherine, a misunderstood "Half-rican Canadian", who's as righteously quirky as he is. To win her heart, Jay must confront his fears as he realizes commitment is a bigger issue than race. I'M THROUGH WITH WHITE GIRLS is a quirky romantic-comedy addressing race, class, and cultural identity in America.</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 18th, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM <u>Harlem Hop meets Diggers Delight</u> Location: 135th Street Plaza Record collector DJs spin rare soul, funk, rock, and latin music from the 60's and 70's. Plus vendors selling rare records, books and t-shirts.</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 25th, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM <u>Harlem Hop meets Diggers Delight</u> Location: 135th Street Plaza Record collector DJs spin rare soul, funk, rock, and latin music from the 60's and 70's. Plus vendors selling rare records, books and t-shirts.</p> <p>Wednesday, August 26th, 7:00 PM <u>Sleeping Beauty</u> Presented by City Parks Foundation PuppetMobile / Swedish Cottage Marionette Theater Location: 135th Street Plaza</p> <p>Thursday, August 27th, noon <u>Park Tour with St. Nicholas Park's Gardener</u> Location: meet at the 135th St. Plaza</p> <p>Sunday, August 30th <u>Urban Park Ranger Tour of the Park</u></p> <p>Tuesday, September 1st, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM <u>Salsa Hop</u> Location: 130th Street Playground / Picnic Area Record collector DJs spinning rare latin music from the 60's and 70's. Plus vendors selling rare records, books and t-shirts.</p>

Note, all dates and events are subject to change. Please visit our website at www.stnicholaspark.org for updates.

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Theatrical Events are shown in purple
Film Screenings are shown in orange
Music Events are shown in red

