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Introduction

The **NYC ARTS Cultural Guide for Seniors: Brooklyn** was developed in cooperation with the City of New York, which has declared its commitment to make the city friendlier to senior citizens through its program Age-Friendly NYC: Enhancing Our City’s Livability for Older New Yorkers. This guide has information about 43 cultural organizations in Brooklyn and the special senior programs or discounts for seniors they offer. It is one part of a citywide guide that includes Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island editions.

The **NYC ARTS Cultural Guide for Seniors** is a natural extension of the Alliance for the Arts’ online cultural guide and calendar, NYC-ARTS.org, which was built with support from the City of New York. Profiles of more than 950 arts organizations across the city and details of their thousands of cultural events can be found every day on NYC-ARTS.org.

How to Use This Guide

This guide can be read as a printed document or on a computer as a PDF, using the free software program Adobe Reader. If you read this guide on a computer and have an Internet connection, you can click on the cultural group's name or Web site address to reach the group's expanded description on NYC-ARTS.org or its Web site, respectively.

Cultural groups in this guide appear in alphabetical order. Each listing begins with basic information such as address, telephone number, Web site address, admission costs and open hours. Some organizations hold their activities at venues other than their given address, which is provided for mailing purposes only. A description of the organization follows. If the organization offers programs specific to senior citizens or senior groups, those are highlighted under the heading **Programs for Seniors**. The age at which a visitor is considered a senior varies by organization and, if specified, is indicated in the guide.

Each listing ends with information about nearby subway stations and other details—ranging from disability access at the venue to information on discounts offered to seniors for admission, tickets, tours or memberships.

At the back of this guide is a two-part index that highlights the cultural organizations in this guide that are free to every visitor, and those that have programming specific to seniors. Some organizations will appear on both lists; some organizations in the guide are not on either index, but can be found in the table of contents at the front of the guide.

The information in this guide was up to date on April 5, 2011; however, changes are inevitable. Hours of operation, admission fees and programs may all change. Users of this guide are encouraged to contact the organization in advance to confirm particulars.

ABAKUÁ Afro-Latin Dance Company

250 9th Street, Suite 3
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Tel: (917) 488-8941
www.abakuadancers.com

The dance and theatrical repertory of ABAKUÁ Afro-Latin Company is designed to reach a broad audience and to nurture the widespread appreciation of Afro-Latin dance.

Senior Discounts: Seniors (65 and older) receive discounted performance tickets.

Disability Assistance: Large-print materials available

A.I.R./Artists in Residence Gallery

111 Front Street, #228
(between Adams and Washington Streets)
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tel: (212) 255-6651
www.airgallery.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Wed–Sun 11 am–6 pm

Artists in Residence’s mission is to advance the status of women artists by exhibiting diverse work of the highest quality and by providing a sense of community to women artists. The A.I.R. Gallery, founded in 1972, was the first cooperative for women artists.

Directions: Subway: F to York Street. Turn right at station exit and walk one block downhill to Front Street. Turn left and walk 2½ blocks to 111 Front Street, which will be on the right side.

Disability Access: The gallery is on the second floor of 111 Front Street. Wheelchair access is via the side entrance at 55 Washington Street and the lobby elevator. A.I.R.’s galleries and second-floor restrooms are all wheelchair accessible.

Artichoke Dance

www.artichokedance.org

Artichoke Dance Company creates unique dance works, presents public performances and offers participatory educational experiences in dance and dance making that aim to develop physical, creative and social skills as well as artistic and cultural understanding.

Programs for Seniors: The Senior Arts in Action is a multi-arts program that uses movement, music and writing to stimulate mind, body and spirit. The program engages all participants in doing and creating, whether the participant is completely physically functional or wheelchair-bound. Artists and physical therapists address the specific needs of seniors at each location. The program is appropriate for senior centers, nursing homes, community centers and retirement living communities. Programs lasting eight weeks or longer often culminate in a performance of works created along with dances by Artichoke Dance Company. Contact info@artichokedance.org for more information.

Arts in Bushwick

330 Melrose Street, #3
Brooklyn, NY 11237

www.artsinbushwick.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

This all-volunteer organization promotes and supports local artists, serves the community at large through arts education and creative accessibility, and organizes all residents and stakeholders in Bushwick to fight development-driven displacement and work toward an integrated, sustainable community.

Programs for Seniors: The organization has offered programs, such as art shows and classes, at senior centers. For more information, e-mail community@artsinbushwick.org.

BAM Rose Cinemas

30 Lafayette Avenue
(between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11217

Tel: (718) 636-4100
www.bam.org/view.aspx?pid=567

\$12 Adults, \$8 Members

The four-screen cinema opened in 1998 to show new independent and foreign films. The series BAMcinématek started a year later, presenting repertory films.

Programs for Seniors: Senior Cinema screenings grant moviegoers age 65 and older free admission to select classic films (usually screened Fridays at 10 am). Reservations are required and can be made up to three weeks in advance. Call (718) 636-4122 or e-mail communityaffairs@BAM.org. The screening includes complimentary popcorn and soda.

Directions: Subway: B, D, Q, N, R, 2, 3, 4, 5 to Atlantic Avenue - Pacific Street

Bargemusic

Fulton Ferry Landing
(at the foot of Old Fulton Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tel: (718) 624-2083
www.bargemusic.org

\$35 Adults, \$15 Students, \$30 Seniors; price increases \$5–\$10 when there are more than four performers

Bargemusic is a 102-foot coffee barge that has been converted into a floating concert hall for chamber music. It offers concerts every week, 52 weeks a year in an acoustically rich room with 130 seats.

Directions: Subway: A, C to High Street (from Manhattan, ride in the rear of train; from Brooklyn, ride in the front). Use the Fulton Street Exit. Walk downhill on Cadman Plaza West to the East River, three blocks.

Disability Access: None

Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM)

30 Lafayette Avenue
(between St. Felix Street and Ashland Place)
Brooklyn, NY 11217

Tel: (718) 636-4100
www.bam.org

BAM is America's oldest performing arts center and a leading presenter of the avant-garde. Since opening in 1861, it has presented music, dance, drama and more.

Senior Discounts: BAM visitors 65 and older can get two discounted tickets to any live performance or film screening. Call BAM Ticket Services [(718) 636-4100] beginning at 3 pm the day of a live performance to confirm that senior rush tickets will be offered. Come to the BAM Box Office no earlier than 90 minutes prior to the performance time to purchase tickets.

Disability Access: Fully accessible

Brooklyn Arts Council (BAC)

55 Washington Street
(between Front and Water Streets)
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tel: (718) 625-0080
www.brooklynartscouncil.org

BAC is the umbrella organization serving Brooklyn artists and arts groups of all disciplines. It also provides residents with affordable access to the arts. It is the "go-to" service group for Brooklyn's artists, and for finding out about the wide array of cultural groups and projects in Brooklyn.

Programs for Seniors: Workshops and performances are offered at senior centers and elsewhere. Most programs are publicly funded and thus free or low-cost. Programming integrates the specific needs of those participating.

Directions: Subway: F to York Street; A, C to High Street - Brooklyn Bridge

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

900 Washington Avenue
(at President Street)
Main entrance on Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Tel: (718) 623-7200
www.bbg.org

Free for Children under 12, School Groups and Members; \$10 Adults, \$5 Students, \$5 Seniors. Free Admission on Tues, all day, and Sat 10-noon.

March–Oct: Tues–Fri 8 am–6 pm; Sat, Sun 10 am–6 pm
Nov–Feb: Tues–Fri 8 am–4:30 pm; Sat, Sun 10 am–4:30 pm
Closed Mon, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day (open holiday Mondays)

Founded in 1910, the garden spans 52 acres and contains more than 12,000 living plant varieties from all over the world. These are arranged in taxonomic displays as well as in formal and informal gardens. The Japanese Hill and Pond Garden is one of the finest representations of its kind outside Japan. The Cherry Esplanade in spring is fabled.

Programs for Seniors: Talks given at senior centers, by request.

Directions: Subway: B, Q to Prospect Park; 2, 3 to Eastern Parkway - Brooklyn Museum; 4, 5 to Franklin Avenue. Main entrance is on Eastern Parkway (between Underhill Avenue and Washington Street). The garden’s parking lot entrance is on Washington Avenue at President Street; a third entrance is on Flatbush Avenue (at Empire Boulevard).

Senior Discounts: Seniors (ages 65 and older) receive free entrance on Friday. Seniors also receive a discounted rate for yearly membership: \$45 instead of \$50.

Disability Access: Full accessibility, wheelchairs provided; fragrance gardens have elevated beds and Braille signage.

Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy

One Main Street
(at Plymouth Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tel: (718) 802-0603

www.brooklynbridgepark.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Daily 8 am–dusk

The Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy is creating 85 acres of park space along the Brooklyn waterfront. Construction of Brooklyn Bridge Park began in 2007; 18 acres of waterfront park are currently open to the public. The space offers panoramic views of downtown Manhattan. The conservancy also brings free cultural, educational and recreational programming to the park.

Directions: For Pier 1 area of park: Subway 2, 3 to Clark Street. Exit onto Henry Street. Take a left and walk down Henry Street until Cadman Plaza West/Old Fulton Street. Take a left and walk downhill. The entrance to the park's Pier 1 is at the bottom of the hill, at the water, on the left side of the street.

Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts

2900 Campus Road
(at Flatbush and Nostrand Avenues)
Brooklyn, NY 11210

Tel: (718) 951-4500
www.brooklyncenteronline.org

The center presents traditional and innovative programs reflective of Brooklyn's diverse communities, at affordable prices. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts welcomes more than 70,000 people to the 2,400-seat Walt Whitman Theatre each season.

Programs for Seniors: Brooklyn Center's Arts in the Afternoon matinee series is specifically programmed and priced with senior audiences in mind.

Directions: Subway: 2, 5 to Flatbush Avenue - Brooklyn College

Senior Discounts: Seniors (ages 65 and older) receive \$2 off ticket prices.

Disability Access: Brooklyn College's Walt Whitman Theatre is wheelchair accessible on the orchestra level, with designated wheelchair seating in the rear of the orchestra. Please notify the box office of any special seating needs when ordering tickets. The mezzanine and balcony levels are not fully accessible—there is no elevator. Accessible restrooms in main lobby.

Disability Assistance: Large-print materials available

Brooklyn Historical Society

128 Pierrepont Street
(at Clinton Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tel: (718) 222-4111
www.brooklynhistory.org

Free for Members and Children under 12; \$6 Adults, \$4 Students, \$4 Seniors,
\$4 Children

Wed–Fri, Sun 12–5 pm; Sat 10 am–5 pm; also open extended evening hours for
public programs as scheduled.

The Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally recognized urban history center
dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn’s 400-year history.
Its galleries and archive are housed in a magnificent landmark building.

Directions: Subway: R to Court Street; 2, 3, 4, 5, A, C, F to Borough Hall

Senior Discounts: \$35 membership for seniors (62 and older)

Disability Access: Fully accessible

Disability Assistance:

Hearing: Graphical depictions

Vision: BHS offers an audio description of the building for people who are blind
and partially sighted through the Web site of New York Beyond Sight
(www.nybeyondsight.org).

Brooklyn Museum

200 Eastern Parkway
(at Washington Avenue)
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Tel: (718) 638-5000
www.brooklynmuseum.org

Free for Members, Children under 12 and Companions or Aides of persons with disabilities; \$10 Adults, \$6 Students, \$6 Seniors. Admission fees are suggested donations. Free admission the first Sat of the month, 5–11 pm.

Wed, Sat, Sun 11 am–6 pm; Thurs, Fri 11 am–10 pm; open until 11 pm the first Sat of the month (except Sept)

Representing many of the world's great cultures, the collection of the Brooklyn Museum comprises 1.5 million art works. Holdings in prints, drawings and photographs include major groups of works by Sargent, Homer and Eakins. The magnificent six-story, 450,000-square-foot Beaux Arts building was designed in 1893 by the renowned firm of McKim, Mead & White.

Directions: Subway: 2, 3 to Eastern Parkway - Brooklyn Museum

Senior Discounts: Seniors (62 and older) receive \$10 off individual, dual and contributor level museum memberships. Senior groups receive \$3 off guided tour rates.

Disability Access: Fully accessible. Wheelchairs available at coat check on a first come, first served basis. For more information on accessibility, contact access@brooklynmuseum.org or call (718) 501-6229.

Disability Assistance: With advance notice, the museum offers guided gallery visits to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Hearing: Assistive listening devices and sign language–interpreted gallery talks are available. Infrared hearing devices available in the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium. Transcripts of permanent collection audio guides available.

Vision: Audio guide and Braille materials are available. Touch tours available by appointment.

Brooklyn Public Library

Grand Army Plaza

(between Flatbush Avenue and Eastern Parkway)

Brooklyn, NY 11238

Tel: (718) 230-2100

www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Central Library: Mon–Thurs 9 am–9 pm, Fri 10 am–6 pm, Sat 10 am–6 pm,
Sun 1–5 pm. Hours vary for other branches.

This library system—the fifth largest in the country—serves more than six million people each year. The famous Central Library, whose façade resembles an open book, is the main reference center and the core of a borough-wide system with 58 branches in as many neighborhoods. Performances take place in its Dweck Center auditorium.

Programs for Seniors: The Brooklyn Public Library has many borough-wide services and programs for patrons 55 and older, including a Web page (www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/seniors) describing its resources. These include lectures, films and performances. Creative Writing and Words and Memories are two library programs that take place in assisted living and senior centers. The free Books by Mail program supplies large-print books, books-on-tape, audio CDs and DVDs to people who are homebound and have a vision disability. For more information, contact the Service to the Aging (SAGE) office at (718) 236-1760 or TTY (718) 232-6849 or by e-mail: seniors@brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

Directions: Subway: 2, 3 to Grand Army Plaza or Eastern Parkway - Brooklyn Museum

Disability Access: Central Library is wheelchair accessible; varies according to branch.

Disability Assistance: For information, call (718) 236-1760 or TTY (718) 232-6849.

Celebrate Brooklyn!

Prospect Park Bandshell

Enter at Prospect Park West and 9th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Tel: (718) 683-5610, x10

www.bricartsmedia.org/performing-arts/celebrate-brooklyn

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours); suggested \$3 donation

This annual, free celebration of music, dance, film and spoken word at the Prospect Park Bandshell features world famous performers from New York City, the United States and around the globe. There are approximately 2,000 seats at the bandshell, and the lawn can fit more than 6,000 people. The festival is a program of BRIC Performing Arts. To request a schedule by mail or e-mail, contact info@bricartsmedia.org.

Directions: Subway: F, G to Seventh Avenue. The Eighth Avenue exit of station is one block from the park entrance.

Disability Access: Fully accessible. Contact the house manager upon arrival if you are disabled and need special seating arrangements. Wheelchair seating is near the central elevated sound booth.

Center for Art & Culture of Bedford-Stuyvesant

1368 Fulton Street, 3rd floor
(between Marcy and Brooklyn Avenues)
Brooklyn, NY 11216

Tel: (718) 636-6949
www.restorationplaza.org/arts-and-culture

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Wed–Fri 11 am–6 pm, Sat 1–6 pm

The center offers classes ranging from Brazilian martial arts to steel percussion and Afro-Caribbean dance and hosts a year-round schedule of readings. The center also houses the Skylight Gallery, which was designed by I. M. Pei and features exhibits of established and emerging artists of African descent.

Directions: Subway: A, C to Nostrand Avenue, walk two blocks east; LIRR to Nostrand Avenue
Bus: B25 to New York Avenue; B44 to Fulton Street

Chassidic Art Institute

375 Kingston Avenue
(between Carroll and Crown Streets)
Brooklyn, NY 11213

Tel: (718) 774-9149
www.chjcc.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Mon–Thurs, Sun 12–7 pm; Fri 12–5 pm

The institute in Crown Heights mounts a range of exhibitions, among them the Annual Russian Group Show and the Annual Chassidic Art Group Show, both now entering their third decade. The institute is most noted for its many one-person shows of artists.

Directions: Subway: 2, 3, 4, 5 to Kingston Avenue

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible

Circuit Productions

635 Carroll Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Tel: (718) 638-4878
www.circuitproductions.org

Circuit Productions presents the uniquely American art forms of jazz and tap dance. Performances are for the most part by senior performing artists of color between the ages of 60 and 80.

Programs for Seniors: Booking and management services available to senior artists. The organization also provides senior centers with free or affordable music and dance events.

Dance Theatre Etcetera

480 Van Brunt Street
(at Reed Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Tel: (718) 643-6790
www.dancetheatretcetera.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Dance Theatre Etcetera (DTE) produces site-specific, community-based performance projects, educational programs and community events designed and conceived by its artistic director Martha Bowers. DTE produces the annual Red Hook Waterfront Arts Festival in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

Elders Share the Arts/National Center for Creative Aging

138 South Oxford Street, National Center for
Creative Aging
(between Atlantic Avenue and Hanson Place)
Brooklyn, NY 11217

Tel: (718) 398-3870

www.elderssharethearts.org

Elders Share the Arts (ESTA) specializes in intergenerational community arts programs that bring together the old and young through a unique synthesis of oral history and the arts.

Programs for Seniors: ESTA provides a broad range of arts programming for adults, age 55 and older, within senior centers, libraries, NORCs (naturally occurring retirement communities), long-term care facilities and other community-based sites. ESTA works in three program areas: Living History Arts, Intergenerational Arts and Arts in Dementia Care. Programs are available in both direct service and training formats. All programs are facilitated by teaching artists trained in ESTA's methodology.

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible

Disability Assistance:

Hearing: Graphical depictions and American Sign Language available

Vision: Large-print materials and live audio description available

Genesis Repertory Ensemble

P.O. Box 90289
Brooklyn, NY 11209

Tel: (646) 338-5472

www.genesis-repertory.org

\$18 General, \$15 Students, \$15 Seniors

Genesis Repertory honors the original text of the classics but merges these words with new locations and casting choices. For example, it has presented *Romeo and Juliet* in a trailer park and set *The Merry Wives of Windsor* in a disco in 1976. The company performs at venues throughout Brooklyn.

Green-Wood Cemetery

Main entrance at Fifth Avenue and 25th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11232

Tel: (718) 768-7300
www.green-wood.com

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Daily 8 am–5 pm; see the Web site for extended entry hours at the main entrance during summer.

This vast, 1838 landmark cemetery is the final resting place of nearly 600,000 persons, including some of the 19th century's most memorable figures. The cemetery's diverse program of public tours is conducted by foot or via its trolley, and performances are occasionally held on the grounds.

Directions: Subway: R to 25th Street; Bus: B63 to Fifth Ave at 25th Street
Other entrances: Fourth Avenue at 35th Street; Prospect Park West (closed weekdays); Fort Hamilton Parkway (closed weekdays)

Disability Access: Fully accessible

Harbor Defense Museum at Fort Hamilton

230 Sheridan Loop
Fort Hamilton Military Community
Brooklyn, NY 11252

Tel: (718) 630-4349
www.harbordefensemuseum.com

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Mon–Fri 10 am–4 pm, Sat 10 am–2 pm

Fort Hamilton, the earliest granite fortification built in New York Harbor, is today the official United States Army Museum in the City of New York. Permanent displays tell the story of the generations of guns, mines, airplanes and missiles that have protected the harbor.

Programs for Seniors: Senior groups are welcome.

Disability Access: Partially accessible; restroom access is limited

Historic New Utrecht

1831 84th Street
(at 18th Avenue)
Brooklyn, NY 11214

Tel: (718) 256-7173
www.historicnewutrecht.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Historic New Utrecht is a group named after one of the six towns established by the Dutch and later combined by the British to form Kings County, New York. It promotes awareness and understanding of early Brooklyn history through free concerts, historical lectures and Liberty Weekend, which takes place each June on the New Utrecht Church campus in South Brooklyn.

Directions: Subway: D to 18th Avenue

International Studio & Curatorial Program (ISCP)

1040 Metropolitan Avenue
(between Morgan and Vandervoort Avenues)
Brooklyn, NY 11211

Tel: (718) 387-2900
www.iscp-nyc.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

ISCP is a nonprofit residency program for visual artists and curators. It presents artist salons, exhibitions and talks—all open to the public—and collaborates with other arts organizations in greater New York City.

Directions: Subway: L to Grand Street

Disability Access: Not accessible

Lefferts Homestead Historic House Museum

Prospect Park, inside the park's Willink Entrance
(intersection of Flatbush and Ocean Avenues and
Empire Boulevard)
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Tel: (718) 789-2822
[www.prospectpark.org/
visit/places/lefferts](http://www.prospectpark.org/visit/places/lefferts)

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

April–June, Sept & Oct: Thurs–Sun 12–5 pm ; Feb & March: Sat & Sun 12–4 pm;
July & Aug: Thurs–Sun 12–6 pm

The original Lefferts home, built before the American Revolution in the farming village of Flatbush, was burned down during the Battle of Long Island in 1776. The structure that now stands is a circa-1783 replacement, moved to its present location in 1918. Weekend drop-in programs for the public as well as educational programs take place regularly.

Directions: Subway: B, Q to Prospect Park

Disability Access: Wheelchair ramp provides access to first floor

Lifetime Arts

P.O. Box 8586
Pelham, NY 10803

Tel: (914) 355-2304
www.lifetimearts.org

This organization provides practical support and resources to practitioners and institutions that provide services to older adults. Creative Aging in Our Communities: the New York City Libraries Project is a series of arts programs for older adults in up to 30 branch libraries in the Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island and Brooklyn.

Mark Morris Dance Group

Three Lafayette Avenue
(at Flatbush Avenue)
Brooklyn, NY 11217

Tel: (718) 624-8400
www.mmdg.org

The renowned modern dance company, led by choreographer Mark Morris, was founded in 1980. In 2001 it opened its dance center in Fort Greene, Brooklyn, to provide a home for the company, rehearsal space for the dance community, outreach programs for local children and a school offering dance classes for all ages.

Programs for Seniors: Dance classes for older adults include Restorative Movement, which utilizes gentle movement to explore and increase range of motion, and Dance for PD, a program for people with Parkinson's disease.

Directions: Subway: 2, 3, 4, 5 to Nevins Street; B, D, N, Q, R to Atlantic Avenue - Pacific Street; G to Fulton Street; A, C to Lafayette Avenue

Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert Series

Brooklyn Avenue, Wingate Field
(entrances on Winthrop Street and
Rutland Road)
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Tel: (718) 222-0600
www.brooklynconcerts.com/mlk.html

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

July & Aug: Mon 7:30 pm

This summer series presents free musical concerts that reflect the African-American contribution to the American music scene. Concerts are staged (weather permitting) at Brooklyn's Wingate Field in July and August. Recent artists have included gospel singers Bebe and Cece Winans, the calypso legend Mighty Sparrow and R&B star Toni Braxton.

New York Aquarium

502 Surf Avenue
(at West 8th Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11224

Tel: (718) 265-3474
www.nyaquarium.com

Free for Members and Children under 3; \$14.95 Adults, \$11.95 Seniors,
\$10.95 Children
Total Experience ticket (includes 4-D Theater): \$18.95 Adults, \$15.95 Seniors,
\$14.95 Children
Admission on Fri from 3 pm to closing is pay-what-you-wish.

June-Aug: Mon–Fri 10 am–6 pm; Sat, Sun & Holidays 10 am–7 pm
Spring (April–May) & Fall (Sept–Oct): Mon–Fri 10 am–5 pm; Sat, Sun & Holidays
10 am–5:30 pm
Nov–March: daily 10 am–4:30 pm

The New York Aquarium, part of the Wildlife Conservation Society, spans 14 beachfront acres in Coney Island. It houses more than 8,000 creatures including freshwater and marine fishes, marine invertebrates, seals, sea otters, walruses, sea lions, sharks and penguins.

Directions: Subway: F, Q to West 8th Street - New York Aquarium

Disability Access: Fully accessible; wheelchairs available on a first come, first served basis

Disability Assistance:

Hearing: Assistive listening devices available

Vision: Some exhibits include touch components.

New York Transit Museum

Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tel: (718) 694-1600
www.mta.info/mta/museum

Free for Members; \$6 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$4 Children

Tues–Fri 10 am–4 pm; Sat, Sun 12–5 pm

This museum, home of 100-plus years of NYC transit lore and memorabilia, occupies the platforms and mezzanine of a decommissioned 1930s subway station.

Directions: Subway: 2, 3, 4, 5 to Borough Hall

Senior Discounts: Seniors (62 and older) get free admission on Wednesday. Seniors receive 25 percent off individual membership.

Disability Access: Not currently accessible: undergoing renovations. Fully accessible after renovations; call for updates.

Pratt Institute—Schafler Gallery

200 Willoughby Avenue, Chemistry Building, 1st floor
(between Hall Street and Emerson Place)
Brooklyn, NY 11205

Tel: (718) 636-3517
www.pratt.edu/exhibitions

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Mon–Fri 9 am–5 pm, Sat 12–5 pm

Established in 1985 by Pratt Institute, the Rubelle and Norman Schafler Gallery mounts faculty and student exhibitions as well as thematic shows featuring the work of unaffiliated artists.

Directions: Subway: G to Clinton Street - Washington Avenue

Disability Access: Not accessible

Prospect Park

Bordered by Prospect Park West, Flatbush Avenue, Ocean Avenue, Parkside Avenue and Prospect Park Southwest
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Tel: (718) 965-8999
www.prospectpark.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Daily 5 am–1 am the following day

The 585-acre park is one of the finest creations of the landscape architects Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux. Begun in 1866, it has a 60-acre lake on its east side, the 90-acre Long Meadow on the west and Brooklyn's last remaining original woodlands (the Ravine) in between. The bandshell near the 9th Street entrance of Prospect Park West is home to the free summer Celebrate Brooklyn! festival.

Directions: Subway: 2, 3 to Grand Army Plaza; F to 15th Street; Q to Parkside

Disability Access: Partially accessible (i.e., Lefferts Homestead and certain areas of the park). Consult the park's interactive map for details:
www.prospectpark.org/visit/interactive_map.

Prospect Park Zoo

450 Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Tel: (718) 399-7339
www.prospectparkzoo.com

Free for Members and Children under 3; \$8 General, \$6 Seniors, \$5 Children

April–Oct: Mon–Fri 10 am–5 pm; Sat, Sun 10 am–5:30 pm; Nov–March:
daily 10 am–4:30 pm

This 12-acre zoo houses nearly 100 species and has many interactive exhibits and three major areas that provide close-up views of animals, from sheep to weaver finches to garfish to the ever-popular baboons.

Directions: Subway: B, Q, S to Prospect Park

Disability Access: Fully accessible; a limited number of wheelchairs are available on a first come, first served basis.

Disability Assistance: Many exhibits include tactile learning components.

Regina Opera Company

1230 65th Street, Regina Hall
(at Twelfth Avenue)
Brooklyn, NY 11219

Tel: (718) 259-2772
www.reginaopera.org

\$23 Adults, \$18 Students, \$18 Seniors, \$5 Children; Free for Children under 12
No advance sales, cash only at the door

The company presents classics of the Italian opera repertory as well as productions of Mozart and Gilbert and Sullivan. In addition to its annual season of operas, it performs select Sunday concerts and free community outreach recitals.

Directions: Subway: D to 62nd Street, N to Fort Hamilton Parkway or New Utrecht Avenue

Rotunda Gallery

33 Clinton Street
(between Pierrepont Street and
Cadman Plaza West)
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tel: (718) 875-4047
www.briconline.org/rotunda

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Tues–Sat 12–6 pm; gallery open only when exhibitions are being held

Through its public exhibitions and programs, the Rotunda Gallery introduces audiences to contemporary art. Six yearly shows feature painters, sculptors and other visual artists who live, work or were born in Brooklyn.

Directions: Subway: 2, 3, 4, 5 to Borough Hall; M, N, R to Court Street; A, C, F to Jay Street

Disability Access: Fully accessible, please call ahead

Seaside Summer Concert Series

Tel: (718) 222-0600
www.brooklynconcerts.com

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

July & Aug: Thurs 7:30 pm–9:30 pm

The Seaside Summer Concert Series in Coney Island hosts musicians of all stripes in a series of free outdoor concerts on Thursdays. Performances have included Donna Summer, the Beach Boys and the Latino Music by the Sea Night.

Directions: Subway: D to Stillwell Avenue - Coney Island; F, Q to West 8th Street - New York Aquarium

Disability Access: Call for information regarding disabled seating and parking.

Smack Mellon Studios

92 Plymouth Street
(at Washington Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tel: (718) 834-8761
www.smackmellon.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Gallery: Wed–Sun 12–6 pm

Located in a series of old warehouses in the Brooklyn neighborhood of DUMBO, Smack Mellon Studios was founded by a musician and an artist to create a meeting ground for divergent art forms. Smack Mellon Studios operates an exhibition space, an artists studio program and a performance space for theater, music and dance groups.

Programs for Seniors: Gallery tours and other programs are available to groups on a case-by-case basis.

Directions: Subway: F to York Street; A, C to High Street

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible

Spoke the Hub

748 Union Street
(between Fifth and Sixth Avenues)
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Tel: (718) 408-3234
www.spokethehub.org

A staple of the Park Slope community since 1979, Spoke the Hub offers performance series, dance classes, a film series and more. Some of its performances take place at the Gowanus Arts Building at 295 Douglass Street (between Third and Fourth Avenues).

Programs for Seniors: Weekly chair yoga for people with limited mobility (Fridays), gentle yoga and meditation classes (Wednesdays). Pre-registration required; call for details.

Directions: Subway: R to Union Street

Waterfront Museum

290 Conover Street, Pier 44
(end of Conover Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11231

Tel: (718) 624-4719

www.waterfrontmuseum.org

Free; donations appreciated

Thurs 4–8 pm, Sat 1–5 pm; group tours by appointment

Afloat on a retrofitted railroad barge once used to ferry goods, the museum fosters an understanding of New York Harbor as a historic waterway and a former conduit for commerce and commuters as well as recreation. It presents exhibits, events and educational programming.

Programs for Seniors: A tour, talk or show can be tailored to a senior audience.

Directions: Subway: 2, 3, 4, 5, A, C, E to Jay Street - Borough Hall; R to Court Street; transfer to the B61 bus to Van Brunt Street. Take Beard Street toward the water, turning left on Conover Street and go two blocks to the water's edge to Pier 45.

Senior Discounts: 10 percent off group tour price with mention of Alliance for the Arts' "Captain's Special."

Disability Access: Fully accessible

Disability Assistance: Assistive listening devices available

Weeksville Heritage Center

1698 Bergen Street
(between Buffalo and Rochester Avenues)
Brooklyn, NY 11213

Tel: (718) 756-5250
www.weeksvillesociety.org

\$5 Adults, \$4 Students, \$4 Seniors; Free for children under 8

Office: Tues–Fri 10 am–4:30 pm; Walk-in Tours: Tues–Fri 1, 2 & 3 pm

This historic museum preserves the history of the free and intentional 19th-century African-American community of Weeksville. In addition to tours of the Hunterfly Road houses, there are a variety of events, workshops and classes.

Programs for Seniors: Group tours are available for seniors (65 and older); call (718) 756-5250, x306.

Disability Access: Partially accessible

Williamsburg Art & Historical Center

135 Broadway
(at Bedford Avenue)
Brooklyn, NY 11211

Tel: (718) 486-7372
www.wahcenter.net

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Wed–Fri 1–5 pm; Sat, Sun 12–6 pm

Founded by artist Yuko Nii, the Williamsburg Art & Historical Society sponsors exhibitions in its gallery space and performances in the Royal Wah Theater, located in the 19th-century Kings County Bank Building in South Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Directions: Subway: J, M, Z to Marcy Avenue

Disability Access: Not wheelchair accessible

Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum

5816 Clarendon Road
(at East 59th Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11203

Tel: (718) 629-5400

www.wyckoffassociation.org

Free for Children under 10 and Members; \$5 Adults, \$3 Students, \$3 Seniors

House Tours: Tues–Fri 1 & 3 pm; Sat 11 am, 1 & 3 pm; Sun (May–Oct only) 11 am, 1 & 3 pm

This wood-shingled Dutch Colonial farmhouse, built about 1652, is probably the oldest home in New York City. It stands on land that is believed to have been purchased in 1636 from the Canarsie Indians by Van Twiller, the first director general of New Netherland. With Dutch ceramic tiles and a period garden, visitors can tour the household of the Dutch settlers in the New World.

Directions: Subway: D or N to 18th Avenue Station. Take the B8 bus northbound toward Rockaway Avenue. Exit at Beverly Road and East 58th Street. Turn right on East 58th Street, walk one block south, cross street and turn left and walk one block east on Clarendon Road to museum gate. See museum Web site for more transportation directions from other subway stations.

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