

New York City Cultural Websites For NMEA 2006 Participants

Before or after the NMEA 2006 Conference, you may wish to take advantage of the wealth of cultural events that New York City has to offer. Summer is an especially active time here in the Big Apple! Here are the web addresses of several cultural institutions which will be sponsoring live performances during the middle of July. Take a look, and start making your own plans!

Celebrate Brooklyn

www.celebratebrooklyn.org

Now in its 28th year, Celebrate Brooklyn is an ideal urban concert space: a handsome band shell with a small paved area for chairs, surrounded by cool grass on a gentle slope. See music, dance, theater, and movies under the stars. Performances are free, although you are encouraged to make a \$3 donation.

Lincoln Center Festival

www.lincolncenter.org

From July 10-30, Lincoln Center comes alive with a huge range of theater, dance and music performances. You can purchase tickets through their website.

River to River

www.rivertorivernyc.com

Check out the free indoor and outdoor events – dance, music, films, walking tours, etc.

Sitelines 2006

www.site-lines.org

When is a fire escape a stage? When is the marble adorned lobby of a corporate headquarters an intimate playhouse? Only during Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's annual Sitelines series. This summer, consider all of Downtown as the best seat in the house.

Tap City 2006

www.atdf.org

This freewheeling festival includes tap jams, classes, films and lectures.

SummerStage

www.summerstage.org

Located in Central Park, SummerStage is in its third decade of presenting free, cutting-edge, eclectic and thoughtful programming for all. Spoken word, music, and dance performances abound.

Jones Beach

www.nikonjonesbeach.com

You'll need a car to reach this "wave-lapped beach amphitheater," but the trip's worth it! Hear Kelly Clarkson (July 12), the Black Crowes (July 19), Fiona Apple and Damien Rice (July 22), and Ashlee Simpson (July 23).

Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival

www.hvshakespeare.org

Make a trip out of the city to Garrison, a lovely town in Putnam County (one hour north of NYC), for a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," directed by Terrence O'Brien or "The Rivals," by Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

A Good General Site: www.nyc-arts.org and nyckidsarts.org (for children's events)