

Press Release

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Battery Park City Parks: 2016 Winter Programs

Welcome to a wonderful winter! BPC Parks offers yearlong programs and activities for all.

Dates: January 4 to April 26, 2016

Places: 6 River Terrace, Community Center at Stuyvesant High School, Battery Park City Ballfields, and 75 Battery Place

Cost: Most programs are FREE! See listings for fee programs.

Information: www.bpcparks.org

Battery Park City Parks is proud to announce the publication of its **2016 Winter Calendar**. BPC Parks Programming has offered yearlong programs since its formation, but we are best known for our annual May through October season of outdoor, mostly free programs. Battery Park City Parks looks to expand its appeal to all by showcasing our winter offerings with a print calendar available now!

Most recently, our indoor program venue at **6 River Terrace** (which is also available for party/ gathering rental) has allowed a continuation of winter time versions of some of our most popular outdoor programs- such as **Preschool Play and Art** and **Adult Art** drawing and painting classes. Meanwhile, the **Community Center at Stuyvesant High School**- one of Downtown Manhattan's most affordable and excellent venues for fitness, swimming, and recreation- continues to expand its yearlong repertoire with new and favorite classes. **Battery Park City Parks Ballfields**- with state-of-the-art artificial turf now open year-round- offers 3 weekdays of afternoon **Winter Games** to keep kids active and Sunday **Ultimate Frisbee** for adults. An annual tradition to celebrate the art made at BPC Parks outdoor programs: the **2016 Art Exhibition** will take place at the Parks headquarters at **75 Battery Place**.

Some new highlights from the **2016 Winter Programs Calendar**:

Young Artists' Workshops: Picture Books

Inspired by the best illustrated literature for children, these workshops- lead by art specialists and Parks staff of Early Childhood Educators- will promote the vital experience of art and books. Participants will take part in an enriched reading experience of a classic book and then create artwork in the style of the author/illustrator. **Select Saturdays, 10AM, 6 River Terrace, Free!** **Jan. 23: Eric Carle, The Very Hungry Caterpillar**; **Feb. 20: Leo Lionni, Inch By Inch**; **March 19: Ezra Jack Keats, The Snowy Day**; **Apr. 9: Steve Jenkins, Biggest, Strongest, Fastest**.

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Winter Talks

Enjoy an afternoon learning about interesting topics that pertain to Battery Park City's unique geographic and cultural place in the world. These fascinating speakers use illustrated computer projected slide shows to enhance the experience. **Select Tuesdays, 1PM, 6 River Terrace, Free! Feb. 16: Bill Fink, *Saving the Hudson River, 1960s to the Present*; March 1: Marla Lipkin, *The American Landscape as Artists' Inspiration*; March 15: Gwen Dawson, *Pier A: Revival and Restoration*; March 31: Dorothea Basile, *BPC's World Renowned Public Art Collection*.**

And NEW at the Community Center at Stuyvesant High School...

Total Body Boxing Workout

Develop self-defense skills and overall fitness. The biomechanics of the sport require developing power from the legs up, resulting in a total-body workout. **Wednesdays, starting Jan. 6, 7 to 8:15PM, free for members, gym day pass \$15 adults/ \$10 youth**

Masala Bhangra Workout

Inspired by traditional Indian dance moves that make working out fun! Instructor: **Cloe Andrade**. **Tuesdays, starting January 12, 7 to 8PM, \$96 members, \$108 non-members, \$20 drop-in**

Basketball Clinic

Former professional basketball players lead drills and teach the fundamentals of the game that help build skills and develop talent. Instructors: **Jamel Thomas** and **Louis Frye**. **For 10 - 13 year olds and 14 - 17 year olds. Winter Break: Feb. 15 to 19, Spring Break: April 25 to 29; \$250 members, \$300 non-members; Pre-registration required; call 646.210.4292 to pre-register.**

For a full overview of everything offered, the **Battery Park City Parks 2016 Winter Calendar** is available by mail by contacting Battery Park City Parks: info@bpcparks.org or call 212.267.9700. Program information is also available by visiting www.bpcparks.org.



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