HARLEM WEEK THEMES:  OUR LOCAL HISTORY CREATES A GLOBAL IMPACT.

HARLEM WEEK 2019 CELEBRATES 85 YEARS

Harlem is a world-renowned cultural capital that has played a significant role in the development of African Diaspora music and culture. The Harlem School of the Arts, which was established in 1935, is a testament to the rich history and cultural significance of Harlem. The school has been instrumental in training and nurturing some of the most celebrated names in the world of music, dance, and theater. Among the notable alumni of the Harlem School of the Arts are Harry Belafonte, Dorothy Maynor, Edward (Duke) Ellington, and Miriam Makeba. These artists, along with many others, have contributed immensely to the cultural landscape of Harlem and the world.

Through its various programs and initiatives, the Harlem School of the Arts continues to inspire and educate the next generation of artists, ensuring that the legacy of Harlem's rich cultural history is preserved and celebrated. The school's commitment to providing a supportive and creative environment for its students is evident in the success stories of its graduates, who have gone on to make significant contributions to the world of music, dance, and theater.

In 2019, Harlem Week celebrates 85 years of being a vibrant cultural hub. The festival is a testament to the enduring spirit of innovation and creativity that defines Harlem. Savannah Guthrie, a prominent figure in the world of television and journalism, was a special guest at the festival, further highlighting Harlem's role as a center of cultural exchange and inspiration.

HARLEM JAZZ & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Closing out the month of August, New York City will proudly celebrate the inauguration of the 19th Harlem Jazz & Music Festival. This much anticipated international music and cultural festival, held in the heart of Harlem, will feature 17 genres of music from around the world, all which are embedded in the fabled Harlem music and cultural experiences, ranging from its African, Latin, Cuban, African, Asian, and South American roots. Harlem, the world-renowned cultural capital of Black and Hispanic America, deserves to have a first-class music festival. Harlem’s reputation in music is known throughout the world and its local musical history has definitely created a global impact.

Harlem Jazz & Music Festival will feature indoor and outdoor concerts, gospel services at select houses of worship, jazz brunches, nice club events at famous venues and much more. It is highly anticipated that the Harlem Jazz & Music Festival will in upcoming years attract hundreds of thousands to New York City in general, and to Harlem in particular, as the word at this incredible cultural experience carries through the region, the nation, and beyond. The festival is proudly co-presented by HARLEM WEEK and West Harlem Development Corporation.

HISTORIC JAZZ SITES

The story of Harlem is a testament to the resilience and creativity of its people. The city has been a source of inspiration for many of the world's greatest musicians and artists. From the legendary Apollo Theater, which has hosted countless concerts and performances, to the legendary Apollo Theater for its' own 85-year-old history of excellence.

- The Apollo Theater: A cornerstone of Harlem's cultural landscape, the Apollo Theater has been a symbol of African American excellence. Home to the annual Amateur Night competition, it has launched the careers of countless artists, including Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, and James Brown.
- The Cotton Club: Located in the heart of Harlem, the Cotton Club was a symbol of African American excellence. It hosted some of the most famous jazz and blues performers of the 1920s and 1930s, including Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, and Cab Calloway.
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OUTDOOR CONCERTS

THURS AUG 22ND | 5:00 PM
SUMMER STAGE IN HARLEM SALUTES HARLEM/HAVANA
Featuring JAAMBO

SAT AUG 24TH | 6:00 PM to 7:30PM
HARLEM ARTS ALLIANCE & CCNY A PUBLIC EVENT
Saluting HARRY BELAFONTE & ARETHA FRANKLIN
Featuring RAY CHEW & THE CREW (R&B & Jazz) & THE JEFF FOXX BAND (R&B and Blues)
at THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

SOUTH LAWN AMPHITHEATER | CONVENT AVE. & W. 110TH ST.

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HARLEM JAZZ & MUSIC FESTIVAL A PUBLIC EVENT
Saluting NINA SIMONE & SMOKY ROBINSON
Featuring CRAIG HARRIS (JAZZ) | LEGACY (R&B)
ST. NICHOLAS PARK PLAZA & GREAT LAWN | W. 123RD ST. & ST. NICHOLAS AVE.

SAT AUG 24TH | 8:00PM to 9:30PM Outdoor Family Film Festival

WED AUG 21ST | 7:00PM to 8:00PM
NATIONAL JAZZ MUSEUM IN HARLEM SALUTES HARLEM/HAVANA
Featuring the TIM POSTER TRIO (JAZZ) | THE FEELING MESSENGERS (AFRO-CUBAN)
56 WEST 129TH ST. | (212) 394-8888 | jazzmuseuminharlem.org

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WED AUG 21ST | 7:30PM
AMATEUR NIGHT AT THE APOLLO
One of New York’s most popular entertainment experiences, attracting performers and audiences from the world over. The audience decides who will win the grand prize. At Amateur Night, you decide.
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