

River View Observer

JC Fridays is here again! FRIDAY, September 5th

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A day of free arts events
in Jersey City



On Friday, September 5th, 2008, JC Fridays, Jersey City's acclaimed citywide celebration of arts



and culture, will take place once again! All events are free and open to the public and range from art exhibitions, live music, comedy to educational demonstrations and even a fashion show. Those looking to plan their JC Friday itinerary can pick up a JC Fridays Guide at a participating venue or visit <http://www.jcfridays.com/> for a complete list of events, a map of all event locations, and more details on which events are barrier-free and family-friendly.

JC Fridays was created in 2005 by a coalition of artists, arts organizations and local businesses that wanted to showcase Jersey City's exciting and burgeoning cultural landscape. Today it is an eagerly anticipated quarterly event, taking place at the start of every season, where both residents and visitors can celebrate the growing vibrancy and distinct charm that Jersey City has to offer.

Since its inception, the number of participants has more than doubled through increasing outreach to Jersey City's neighborhoods, organizations, businesses and artists. JC Fridays is made possible through a grant by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, with major support provided by the State of New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Program and a host of other sponsors and patrons.

Included in the many exciting events going on throughout the day are things to do for all ages and tastes! The many highlights on September 5th will include Kindermusik classes for children ages 5 and under during the day at A SOUND START, an opening reception for photographer Tami Lynn at Jersey City Museum | 350 Montgomery St. @ Monmouth | Jersey City, NJ 07302 201.413-0303

the Jersey City's brand new **CLUB H FITNESS**, and live music, DJs and more playing late into the night at the **RAILROAD STUDIO**.

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Friends: **Another Man's Treasure Vintage Store, Big Drum Art & Framing, Jersey City Tattoo Co., Sam Pesin in honor of Friends of Liberty State Park's 20th Birthday, Sawadee Thai Cuisine**

JC Fridays Business Specials:

- 20% off all purchases at World of Style Vintage
- Visit Big Drum Art & Framing on JC Fridays and receive a coupon for 25% off custom framing orders
- 15% off @ D.E.E.N
- Log onto Club H's website, <http://www.clubhfitness.com/>, for a Complimentary VIP Trial visit to Club H. Use access code: JC ART

JC FRIDAYS SCHEDULE of EVENTS FOR FRIDAY, September 5h.

(art) 9am-5pm, 6pm-11pm **FISH WITH BRAIDS GALLERY** invites you to attend "Housing Crisis Art" by Uta Brauser. "Housing Crisis Art" offers an alternative to foreclosed homes: there are no credit checks and no mortgage needed. A housing kit – portable, independent, solar powered. Your mobile home on a luggage car. 521 Jersey Ave, 201-451-4294

(art) 9am-9pm **JOHN MEAGHER ROTUNDA GALLERY** presents watercolors by Steve Singer. City Hall, 280 Grove St, 2nd Fl, 201-547-4333. Barrier-free

(music) 10am-5pm **A SOUND START** presents an autumn open house. Join us for a free day of interactive music for the whole family! Demo Kindermusik classes, as well as many other activities for children newborn - 5 years and their

grownups, will be held throughout the day. 489 Jersey Ave, 201-200-1342

(art) 11am-5pm **JERSEY CITY MUSEUM** invites you to view “I Love Jersey City.” Admission free all day. 350 Montgomery St, 201-413-0303 ext.141. Barrier-free

(art)(music) 11am-8pm **KITCHEN CAFÉ** presents “Labyrinth Phantasmal.” “Labyrinth Phantasmal” allows diverse interpretations of reality to collide and risks revealing disorienting and phantastic results. Art by Caryn Blum, Emily Boettcher, Maggie Ens, John Gatti, Ji Yong Kim, Jim Legge, Lora Morgenstern live portrait painting. Music by Paul Pinto & more. Children’s Art Workshop (3-5pm). Complimentary snacks, BYOB. 67 Greene St, 201-332-1010. Barrier-free

(art) 11am-10pm **SAWADEE THAI CUISINE** presents oil paintings by Artist Yeon Jin Yang, BFA Fine Art, School of Visual Art. Come explore the new work in Sawadee’s dining room and explore their exciting Thai menu. 137 Newark Ave, 201-433-0888. Barrier-free

(art) 12pm-3pm; 6pm-9pm **FABRICIO SUAREZ** presents “Nature & Decay.” Originally inspired by the surreal landscapes, I pinpoint my place in time by painting my surroundings. As a subject the industrial decay is overtaken by nature. Feeling a connection to the soil, I romanticize natural disasters and global warming. 123 First St, 908-419-9012.

(art) 12pm-8pm **BIG DRUM ART & FRAMING** presents an exhibition by our talented staff (past and present), photography and prints by Jersey City artists. Owners and staff will answer questions on custom framing. All visitors will receive a coupon for 25% off custom framing. Framed art is on sale. 127 First St, 201-418-8771. Barrier-free

(art)(music) 12pm-11pm **TORICO’S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM PARLOR** presents “Sweet!” Enjoy some homemade premium ice cream while feasting on ice cream-inspired artwork by Beth Bentley, Kayt Hester Lent, Christine Moss-Higueta and Kristen Ulfsparré. Swing by from 7 – 9 PM to hear Carol Lester and friends perform sweet songs and poems. Coordinated by Beth Bentley. 20 Erie St, 201-432-9458

(art) 1pm-8:30pm **HELLO AGAIN VINTAGE** invites you to have some wine, cheese, and cupcakes, while enjoying artwork by local artists Rodina Mikhail and Nathan Jalani Taylor. Also, premiering Hello Again Vintage Handmade Jewelry! 120A Bowers St, 201-401-9163

(art) 4pm-7pm **LA CONGUITA** invites you to come enjoy authentic Latin cuisine such as pernil and masitas de puerco while taking in “Photographs of Cuba, pre-1959.” 351 Grove St, 201-435-6770

(art)(music) 4pm-9pm **HABIB AYAT STUDIO** features the latest cityscapes, abstracts and figurative artwork. Oil, acrylic, and mixed media paintings for all tastes. If you are an art lover/art collector, come enjoy, feel, and touch the artwork in person. Or stop by and just say hi. Music, refreshments and some surprises! Long live art. 360 Marin Blvd, 551-697-2131. Barrier-free

(art) 5pm-7pm **DUCK DUCK GOOSE** (children’s consignment and specialty boutique) presents a Free Face Painting Event! Yummy snacks, beverages, and a free gift! 16 Erie St, 201-432-2133. Barrier-free

(art) 5pm-11pm **GRIGORY GUREVICH ART AND DESIGN STUDIO** presents an Open Studio for JC Fridays. Free pantomime demonstration for children and parents (5-6pm); book signing for “Reflections” and “Allegories,” written, illustrated and published by Gregory Gurevich (6-7pm); and a social event (7-11pm). Guests are invited to bring a dish or beverage to share. 282 Barrow St, 2nd floor, right buzzer, 201-451-4862

(art) 5pm-2am LITM presents “**Hot Times in Chilltown.**” Jersey City artist interpret Jersey City: Beth Achenbach, Ben Conrad, Megan Gulick, Kayt Hester, Robert Piersanti, Jaden Rogers, Chris Silk, and Fabricio Suarez. 140 Newark Ave, 201-536-5557. Barrier-free

(art) 6pm-8pm **ART HOUSE PRODUCTIONS and COSI CAFÉ AND RESTAURANT** present a wine and cheese Opening Reception for shadowbox artist Rachel Weber. The illusion of depth and the way the medium transforms the passive viewer into an active voyeur appeal to Weber’s artistic sensibilities. Much of her concentration deals with mythology and legendary characters, and scenes that evoke a psychological, darker mood. Curated by Emily Helck. 545 Washington Blvd, 201-963-0533. Barrier-free

(art) 6pm-8pm JCM at THE MAJESTIC presents an Opening Reception for an exhibition

featuring a selection of new works by Jersey City artist Scott Taylor. Wine and refreshments served. The Majestic Theatre Condominiums, 222 Montgomery St, 201-413-0303 ext.144.

(art) 6pm-9pm PIERSANTI STUDIOS presents the Grand Opening of the new gallery/workspace. Formally the 1880s Pony Express building, mail horses were stalled on this floor. Renovated in the 90s for a music producer, is now the permanent home for the Piersanti pop art factory. Surround sound mix of the history of pop music and surprises to come. 299 Pavonia Ave, #3-9, 201-963-8079

(art) 6pm-9pm CLUB H FITNESS presents an Opening Reception for photographer Tami Lynn, the inaugural art exhibition for their Jersey City facility. Lynn's work explores the emotional possibilities achieved through the combination of narrative and image. By incorporating text into the photographs, this series comments on the challenge of direct communication within human relationships. <http://www.tamilynnphotography.com/>. 60 Columbus Dr, 201-332-2866

(art) 6pm-9pm NURADEENS GALLERY presents an Opening Reception for "Deep Threads" by breakthrough artist Angelo Rusciano. "Deep Threads" a must see, must have event featuring the artist's new line of cutting-edge, hand painted threads and original art. 483 Jersey Ave, 201-978-8074

(music) 6pm-11pm HDSID presents "Groove on Grove" featuring music by some of Jersey City's hottest bands, including the 1&9s (blues and funk), and the Milwaukeees (rock). Something for everyone to enjoy! Grove St PATH Station, 201-547-3554. Barrier-free

(performance) 7pm-8:30pm IMAGINE ATRIUM presents *THINK*Friday with author Marty Beckerman. In his brand new book, *Dumbocracy*, journalist Marty Beckerman delivers a searing, hilarious indictment of the True Believer mentality of the foot soldiers of the Left and Right in America. Beckerman will talk about the book and participate in a Q&A and signing. 528 Jersey Ave, 201-451-4848. Barrier-free

(art)(performance) 7pm-9pm BALANCE SALON and WORLD OF STYLE VINTAGE present "Fractured Fairy Tales," a twisted fantasy of a fashion show that runs continuously all evening, plus Jane Zweibel's "A Cut Above the Rest: A Salon of Self Portraits and Styles," curated by Tara Thurber. The party will be lit by beer, wine and light sculptures by resident artist Norm Francoeur! 18 Erie St, 201-324-2992

(art) 7pm-9pm 32 JONES GALLERY presents "Backbone," artwork by visual artist Alina Oswald. If we look past the bright colors, we see the many faces of the rainbow, of those who form the backbone that holds this community together, united in all its diversities, goals, and ideals. 32 Jones St, 215-908-5973. Barrier-free

(art) 7-9pm BAGUA JUICE features "Recently" by Jeff Villanueva. Appearances in Jersey City Museum and the Cooper Union, Jeff has truly captured the feeling of change and the beauty of new experiences, all encompassed in his recent transition into adulthood. Reflect on your own paths of growth as you sip on the refreshing flavors of BaGua. 364 Grove St, 201-963-7676. Barrier-free

(art) 7pm-9pm WALDO LOFTS ART SPACE presents "Reincarnation," a photography exhibition by local artist Tatsuro Nishimura. Nishimura takes a series of photographs of found objects to investigate on materialism and consumer culture. Also share his vision of beauty in least expected places. 159 Second St, inside Waldo Lofts' lobby, 917-482-6633. Barrier-free

(music) 7pm-9pm MAYOR HEALY, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL & THE DIVISION OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS present "Night Music on the Hudson River." Join us for the rocking sounds of the American Watercolor Movement at J. Owen Grundy Park, Jersey City's Newly Renovated Waterfront Pier. Exchange Place (at the foot of Montgomery St), 201-547-4333. Barrier-free

(art)(music) 7pm-10pm ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE VINTAGE STORE presents "A Window into the World of Abaton Book Company," featuring performance by Marianne Nowotny (9pm), projections by noted New York photographer Tom Warren and installation. Owned by playwright/filmmaker Laura Bortz and artist/musician Mark Dagley, Abaton has published and produced critically acclaimed books, editions, CDs and DVDs since 1997, and showcased fine art in Jersey City since 2004. 353 Grove St, 201-860-9990. Barrier-free

(art)(music) 7pm-10pm 140 GALLERY presents "The Natural World" by Carl Ellis. Focused on the Natural World Carl Ellis shoots a combination of vivid colors, motion, and, blur. Rarely using a flash, he prefers natural or existing

lights. Join us for this ultra sneak peak show at the newest, hip downtown Jersey City art gallery in the PAD with free wine + live music. D.E.E.N., 140 Bay St, 908-296-7679. Barrier-free

(art) 7pm-10pm THE HARD GROVE CAFÉ invites you to sample Cuban favorites such as Ropa Vieja and picadillo while enjoying the acrylic paintings, collages and oil markings on wood panel glass by Duda Penteado. 319 Grove St, 201-451-1853

(music) 7pm-10pm THE POINTE at Port Liberte presents The Alan Quinn Orchestra. Enjoy this horn, keyboard and bass trio while taking in The Pointe's breathtaking view of the Hudson River, New York skyline, Brooklyn Bridge and Statue of Liberty. 2 Chapel Ave, 201-985-9854

(music) 7pm-11pm LIBERTY HOUSE RESTAURANT AND CATERING is proud to offer you their fine selection of fresh seafood and prime meats while you savor the high stepping live jazz of "Joisey Bounce" by George Glassen and Richard Connolly. 76 Audrey Zapp Dr, 201-395-0300

(art)(music)(film/video) 7pm-1am RAILROAD STUDIO presents an evening bursting with live music, DJ's, photo, design, projection, local artisan mini-bazaar + unconditional love. Hosted by Kevin and Jess. 150 Newark Ave, #4R, 917-254-0573 or 201-788-4367

(music) 8pm-11pm JERSEY CITY TATTOO COMPANY presents another night of acoustic music, performers TBA. Downtown Jersey City's friendly custom tattoo studio hopes to see you there! 253 Newark Ave, 201-360-0139.

(music) 8pm-12am AZUCAR CUBAN CUISINE AND CIGARS presents a full evening of live music with salsa, merengue and more. Cuban Jam sets mood while you eat, with Salsa, Merengue and much more! 495 Washington Blvd, 201-222-0090

(art) 9pm-10pm HDSID presents an Opening Reception for visual artist Emily Helck. Helck's pen and ink drawings address the changing role of nature in our world. Come meet the artist, enjoy refreshments and discover historic downtown's new Special Improvement District office. Artwork also on display during normal business hours, M-F, 10am-6pm. 125 Newark Ave, 201-547-3554. Barrier-free

(performance) 9pm-10:30pm MELISSA SURACH presents a BabyHole Showcase. Did you know that there's a Jersey City comedy scene? Well there is, and it's centered around BabyHole, the only comedy show in town. At this special showcase, BabyHole regulars will be doing extended stand up sets. Hosted by Melissa Surach. The Lamp Post, 382 2nd St, 201-222-1331

(art) 10pm-11pm 58 GALLERY presents one viewing hour of current art exhibit, "America is Dying Slowly: New Installation and Paintings from Jersey City's Favorite Team." 58 Coles St, 917-349-1693.

(art) 24 hours THE BRUNSWICK WALL presents "A Place For Dream Friends," ads for friendlyface, a new social networking web site. Curated by Roger Sayre. 161 Brunswick St, 201-978-8939. Barrier-free

(art) 24 hours THE BRUNSWICK WINDOW presents "Rock N Roll Fantasy," the artist's recreations of album covers. Curated by Roger Sayre. 158 Brunswick St, 201-978-8939. Barrier-free

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<http://www.jcfridays.com/> or <http://www.arthouseproductions.org/>.

JC Fridays is a quarterly event, held four times a year on the first Friday of every season: March, June, September, December. The next JC Fridays will be held on Friday, December 5th, 2008.

* Please contact venue directly for barrier-free details.

* Visit <http://www.jcfridays.com/> for information on family-friendly events and accessibility options.

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