

Exhibitions

It Happened in Brooklyn

Brooklyn Historical Society
128 Pierpont St., Brooklyn, NY 11201
Wed. - Fri. 12 - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 12 - 5 p.m.

Brooklyn's earliest Native American settlements, Brooklyn's abolitionists, immigrants who made Brooklyn home, WWII women workers at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. \$6; \$4 Srs./Students; under 12 free. brooklynhistory.org 718.222.4111

America's Mayor: John V. Lindsay and the Reinvention of New York

Museum of the City of New York
1220 Fifth Ave. @103rd St, NYC 10029
Tu. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
May 5 - October 3, 2010

Explores Mayor Lindsay's ideology, strategy, & challenges — confrontations with NYC unions; relationship with inner-city neighborhoods; efforts to maintain calm during racially tense times, & fiscal consequences of his budget management & social policies. \$10; \$6 Srs./Students; Families: \$20 (max. 2 adults); under 12 free. www.mcny.org 212.534.1672

Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad Print Show: The Art of Mark Priest

Botto House National Landmark American Labor Museum
83 Norwood St., Haledon, NJ 07508
Wed. - Sat. 1 - 4 p.m. or by appt.
May 1 - August 28, 2010

The story of Charles Nalle, an escaped slave, aided by Harriet Tubman & 100s of abolitionists in 1860 in Troy, NY. \$5; Members/under 12 free. www.labormuseum.org; labormuseum@aol.com 973.595.7953.

With a Single Step: Stories in the Making of America

Museum of Chinese in the Americas
215 Centre Street, NYC 10013
Mon. & Fri. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thurs. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Diverse layers of the Chinese American experience in a nation of immigrants, interweaves the historical & political context of Chinese immigration to the U.S. with the personal stories & cultural traces of multiple generations. \$7; \$4 Srs./Students w/ID; under 12 free. www.mocanyc.org 212.619.4785

Banners Bright: Who Are Those People?

www.LaborArts.org
Opens May 1

Latest display in a series about work & workers. Be sure to see LaborArts' virtual exhibition **Sisters in the Brotherhoods**, with photographs by Gary Schoichet, text by Jane LaTour. rachel.bernstein@nyu.edu 212.998.2637



Photograph by Lewis Hine. "An Italian craftsman working in bronze," 1930. Courtesy of The New York Public Library Picture Collection.

New York Labor History Association, Inc.

NYLHA was founded in 1975 to bring together individuals and institutions interested in the history of working people, their organizations, and their struggles for a better life and society in New York State. NYLHA strives to make labor history a vital and ever-present part of our culture.

Membership in NYLHA is open to anyone interested in labor history. Send \$20 (\$10 students/srs.) to: Philoine Fried, 351 West 24th St., NY, NY 10011.

Officers

Irwin Yellowitz, President; George Altomare, Vice President; Gail Malmgreen, Secretary; Philoine Fried, Treasurer.

2010 Calendar Committee

George Altomare, Annie Chamberlin, Bette Craig, Philoine Fried, Gail Malmgreen, Susan Wilson, Joe Doyle (Chair)

2010 Events

Mon., April 26, 6 - 8 p.m.

A Short History of the American Stomach

Book talk: Frederick Kaufman, CUNY Graduate Center, on food in Cotton Mather's diary, Amish black-market raw-milk dealers, extreme feeders from Paul Bunyan to eating-contest champ Dale Boone (descended from Daniel) — & plants & animals we've eaten to the point of extinction. FREE! Center for Worker Education, 25 Broadway, 7th Floor, NYC 10004. www.cuny.cuny.edu/CWE 212.925.6625

Fri., April 30, 7:30 p.m.

May Day Eve Concert

Concert: Anne Feeney, Evan Greer, Roy Zimmerman. \$15. At the Eighth Step at Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, NY 12305. 518.434.1703 alad8@verizon.net 518.273.2759.

Sat., May 1, 1 p.m.

Julius Margolin May Day Festival

Folk & labor music: Chris Chandler, Harmonic Insurgence, George Mann with Marty Confurius & Alan Podber, the New Jersey Industrial Union Council (IUC) Solidarity Singers, lyric soprano Annamaria Stefanelli, & Roy Zimmerman. Includes museum tours. \$10. Botto House National Landmark/American Labor Museum, 83 Norwood St., Haledon, NJ 07508 www.labormuseum.org labormuseum@aol.com 973.595.7953

Sat., May 1, 2 p.m.

Sisters in the Brotherhoods

Working Women Organizing for Equality in New York
Book talk: author Jane LaTour profiles women who broke the gender barrier to blue-collar employment in NYC — construction workers, stationary engineers, firefighters, electronic technicians, plumbers, & transit workers — confronting a sexist union culture & developing new organizational forms to support their struggles. FREE! New Haven Public Library, 133 Elm St., New Haven, CT 06510. 203.946.8835

Sat., May 1, 1 - 4 p.m.

12th Annual Hudson-Mohawk May Day Celebration

Speakers/Poets/Entertainers: the fight for jobs and healthcare, an end to Mid East wars, support for fair trade & fair marriage laws, proper treatment for state workers & immigrants, support for public education & union rights. FREE/Refreshments! West Capital Park (next to the state capital bldg.), 25 Quackenbush St. Albany, NY 12207. Co-sponsored by the New York Labor History Association. www.hudsonmohawkmayday.org alad8@verizon.net 518.273.2759

Tues., May 4, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Grassroots and National Leadership During Reconstruction 1865-1877

Lecture: Eric Foner, Columbia University, discusses Reconstruction — this country's first attempt to create an interracial democracy, the emergence of new black political leaders, their origins & political outlook. Register at <http://pd.nycit.org> FREE/Refreshments! CUNY-Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Ave., NYC 10016

Tues., May 4, 6:30 p.m.

Yankee Stadium Forever:

The Legends, Ruth, Gehrig, DiMaggio, and Mantle
Panel discussion: Ed Randall, host of "Talking Baseball," WFAN; sportswriter/author Bert Sugar; & NY Yankees tour director/historian Tony Morante — return with an evening of tall tales, iconic stories, & enduring memories of the greatest players ever to roam the House that Ruth Built. \$20; \$10 Members of NY Historical Society. Due to renovation held at NY Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th St., NYC 10023. SmartTix 212.868.4444

Tues., May 4, 7 p.m.

Mom

Book talk: Dave Isay, founder/editor of the StoryCorps Project, presents a celebration of American mothers in stories from the Bronx to the rural South — an immigrant mother instilling in her children the importance of education, adult children caring for an elderly parent, mothers & children of all ages learning to grow up without growing apart. FREE! Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 2289 Broadway @82nd St., NYC 10024. 212.362.8835

Wed., May 5, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Sweatshop Cinderella

Documentary Film Premiere: historian/filmmaker Suzanne Wasserman screens her short documentary examining the life of Jewish immigrant novelist Anzia Yezierska. Using archival film and still photography, footage from the 1922 silent film *Hungry Hearts*, letters, newspaper clippings & a tape-recorded interview. FREE, but RSVP <https://community.gc.cuny.edu/SSLPage.aspx?pid=491> Elebash Recital Hall, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Ave., NYC 10016. gotham@gc.cuny.edu 212.817.8471

Sat. May 8, 12 noon & 2:30 p.m.

The Waistmaker's Opera

Rock musical: based on the 11-week shirtwaist workers strike of 1910, 100 years ago, dubbed the "Uprising of the 20,000" (mostly female garment workers). Act I begins at the site of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, NW corner, Greene & Washington St., NYC 10003 & moves to key sites in the strike. Listen to the score on MP3 players while 17 teen singer/dancers perform. Act 2 staged on East 3rd St. (with seating) with composer Michael Hickey & a live band. \$15; \$10 Srs./Students. Additional performances: May 15, 16, 22, 23. Rainedates: May 29 & 30. www.downtownart.org 212.479.0885

Sun., May 9, 12 noon & 2:30 p.m.

The Waistmaker's Opera

Mon., May 10, 6:15 p.m.

Hidden Harbor Tours

Harbor tour: narrated by people who know the harbor intimately - tugboat captains, maritime historians & other experts. Visit tugboat berths in Erie Basin & Kill Van Kull, container, breakbulk, car & oil ports in NJ, Brooklyn, & Newtown Creek. \$29; \$21 Srs.; \$17 children. Register: www.workingharbor.org 212.757.1600

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George Altomare 212.598.7772

May is Labor History Month!



Laborer, NYC, 1917. New York Public Library Picture Collection

Tues., May 11, 6:30 p.m.

The "Weaker Sex" Takes Gotham: Fighting For Women's Right to Vote

Visual presentation: author Louise Bernikow traces how women in NY won the vote, with Fifth Ave. marchers, Union Square leafletters, Carnegie Hall speechifiers, aristocrat Alva (Vanderbilt) Belmont, actress Lillian Russell, feminist Harriot Stanton Blatch, presidential candidate Victoria Woodhull, & labor organizer Rose Schneiderman — allied with college students, immigrant garment workers, & working women. FREE but RSVP: <https://community.gc.cuny.edu/SSLPage.aspx?pid=492> Elebash Recital Hall, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Ave., NYC 10016. gotham@gc.cuny.edu 212.817.8471

Thurs., May 13, 7 - 8 p.m.

Detroit Disassembled

Book talk: Photographer Andrew Moore records Detroit's once-spectacular architectural grandeur reduced to vacant ruins as the American auto industry declined after WWII — joined by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Philip Levine. FREE! Strand Book Store, 828 Broadway, 2nd floor, NYC 10003. 212.473.1452

Fri., May 14, 8 p.m.

Spartacus

Film screening: 50th Anniversary of 1960 epic. Stars Kirk Douglas as an enslaved army deserter & gladiator who recruited 70,000 followers & from 73-71 B.C. defeated several Roman legions, before being captured. \$7. Sponsored by the Rochester Labor Council Film Series. Sponsoring organizations receive complimentary tickets. Eastman House Dryden Theater, 900 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607. 585.271.3361 2nd screening: Sun., May 16, 3 p.m. <http://rochesterlabor.org/lyceum.html>



Sat., May 15, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Labor Lyceum
Unshackle Upstate New York: A Critique

Panel discussion: questions who would actually benefit from the stated proposals of "Unshackle Upstate," a coalition of businesses & individuals claiming a desire to improve the Upstate economy — & asks "How does labor's agenda for the NYS economy differ from Unshackle's?"

Speakers: James Bertolone, Pres., Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Fed., Tom Gillett, Business & Labor Coalition of NY, & John Perticone, Pres., Rochester Bldg. Trades Council. FREE/Refreshments! NYSUT Hall, 30 North Union St., Rochester, NY 14607. www.rochesterlabor.org

Fri., May 14, 6 p.m.

Refreshments: 5:30 p.m.

The Inheritance

Film screening: Harold Mayer's award-winning 1964 labor documentary

NYLHA's Spring Labor History Conference

The Inheritance chronicles the U.S. labor movement from Ellis Island immigrants to the rise of industrial unionism. Judy Collins, Pete Seeger, & Tom Paxton sing on the soundtrack. DVD copies on sale.

Commentary & discussion led by George Altomare, Director of Worker Education, U.F.T. & Irwin Yellowitz, City College of NY

FREE! United Federation of Teachers, 52 Broadway, 6th Floor, NYC 10004. (1 block south of Wall St.) newyorklaborhistory.org 212.598.7772

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Thurs., May 20, 6:30 p.m.

Greenwich Village: The First Bohemia

Lecture/slide show: architectural historian Barry Lewis conducts a "virtual walk" through Greenwich Village, c. 1850, when it was NYC's first real bohemia, as well as Walt Whitman's crowd at Pfaff's on lower Broadway. \$20; \$10 Members of NY Historical Society. Due to renovation held at NY Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th St., NYC 10023. SmartTix 212.868.4444

Sat., May 22 & Sun., May 23, 12 noon & 2:30 p.m.

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Mon., May 24, 7:30 p.m.

An Actor and a Gentleman

Book talk: Louis Gossett, Jr. rose to fame with his Emmy-winning role in the television mini-series *Roots* and Oscar-winning performance in *An Officer and a Gentleman*. He tells the story of his 50 years in the entertainment world—from his early success on the New York stage appearing with Ruby Dee & Sidney Poitier in *Raisin in the Sun*, through his long struggle to get leading roles and fair pay as a black man in Hollywood. Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 1972 Broadway, NYC 10023. 212.595.6859

Tues., May 25, 6 - 9 p.m.

Union Reformers, Meet the Press.

Panel discussion hosted by the Association for Union Democracy. Juan Gonzalez (*New York Daily News* & Democracy Now), Tom Robbins (*Village Voice*), Mimi Rosenberg (*Building Bridges*) & Richard Steier (*The Chief*) will discuss union reform and unionism from their perspectives. Free hors d'oeuvres, drinks and an opportunity to mingle. \$40 presale. Limited income admissions available. Musicians Local 802 Clubroom, 322 West 48 St. NYC 10019. www.uniondemocracy.org jschneider@uniondemocracy.org 718.564.1114

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