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**Re:Construction 2009**

Launched in 2008, Re:Construction is bigger and better in 2009. As you sprint to work or stroll at lunchtime, keep your eyes peeled for one of the four new works gracing our city streets.

Working with numerous established and up-and-coming artists, the Downtown Alliance is transforming Lower Manhattan construction sites into surprising, innovative open-air galleries. Over the next three years, the Re:Construction project plans to present up to thirty temporary displays that will change the way Downtown residents, workers and visitors encounter and appreciate new construction - by turning eyesores into eye openers.

To locate current exhibitions and to keep informed about upcoming installations, visit [DowntownNY.com/ReConstruction](http://DowntownNY.com/ReConstruction), follow us on [Twitter](#) or become a fan of our [Facebook](#) page.

**We Dig Downtown**

This month, the Downtown Alliance launched [Downtown Diary](#), our blog all about Lower Manhattan. Downtown Diary will feature posts from the people who know Downtown best -- the employees of the Downtown Alliance! Check out the blog for Downtown news, events and information. We'll also be writing about everything from our favorite snack spots to celeb sightings to fun things to do on weekends. Downtown Diary is your one stop shop for everything about Lower Manhattan.

[Click here](#) to check out the latest post, *Get Your Fill of Falafel*.

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye**

The Center for Hearing and Communication has opened a new Devices Center at 50 Broadway. People with hearing loss (and their friends and family) are invited try out assistive listening devices that will help with communication both inside and outside the home. Some of the assistive devices on display include special phones with amplification and captions, a wireless television headset, and a doorbell that uses flashing lights to signal a visitor.



The center is designed as a living room so visitors can test the devices in a natural environment. It's a one-of-a-kind experience for anyone with a hearing loss who is looking for technology that can improve the quality of their life.

The public is invited to visit the Devices Center for a free group demonstration every Thursday from 2:00 to 3:30pm. No appointment is needed. Individual demonstrations are also available by appointment. For more information, call 917.305.7930 or email [info@chchearing.org](mailto:info@chchearing.org).

**MEET A DOWNTOWN MERCHANT**

**Cowgirl Sea Horse**

The West Village hotspot Cowgirl has opened a new Downtown location at the Seaport. Cowgirl Sea Horse offers tasty Southwestern cuisine and a sizeable cocktail at their Front Street hideaway. With menu items like rattlesnake bites (doesn't contain actual rattlesnake) and Creole crabcake sandwiches, Cowgirl Sea Horse is a must-try for Downtowners.

259 Front St.  
(212) 608-7873

**FUN DOWNTOWN FACT**

Here's a little back-to-school trivia: Where was Columbia University founded? Answer: Lower Manhattan! Columbia was originally founded in 1754 at the schoolhouse of Trinity Church as King's College. Shortly thereafter, the university moved to Park Place where it remained until 1857, at which point it moved to midtown. Columbia finally relocated to its current campus in Morningside Heights in 1897. A plaque near 53 Park Place commemorates the spot of the original main hall.

Visit [www.DowntownNY.com](http://www.DowntownNY.com) for more downtown news and info

The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to be the principal organization that provides Lower Manhattan's historic financial district with a premier physical and economic environment, advocates for businesses and property owners and promotes the area as a world-class destination for companies, workers, residents and visitors.

The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street.

Thursday, August 27th - Saturday, August 29th  
23 Park Row and City Hall Park  
Free

**J&R MusicFest**

Experience three days of free concerts in City Hall Park featuring the biggest names in R&B, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Latin, Pop and more. And check out an exciting Tech Expo with hands-on demonstrations of the latest technology by leading manufacturers.

**Thursday, 5pm:** Diane Birch, Jemina Pearl, Smithereens  
**Friday, 5pm:** Clipse, J. Moss, Melinda Watts, Mario  
**Saturday, 1pm:** KRS-One & Buckshot, LeToya, Roberta Gambarini, Nikki Yanofsky, Roy Hargrove

Schedule subject to change without prior notification. Visit [JR.com/musicfest](http://JR.com/musicfest) for information and updates.

Wednesday, September 9  
7:00pm  
Wagner Park  
Free

**Orquesta Descarga Latina, Joe Canta Jr. in Wagner Park**

In the history of Puerto Rican Salsa music, there is one orchestra that has earned the most praise - Descarga Latina led by Joe Cantra, Jr. Experience and talent unite to attain the splendor that distinguished this genre of music during the 60's and 70's. With their compilation "Al Rescate de la Salsa," Descarga Latina has risen to an acclaimed international level.

Friday, September 11  
12:30pm  
British Memorial Garden at Hanover Square  
Free

**September 11 Transatlantic Concert and Ceremonies**

A memorial concert and ceremony will once again be held at the British Memorial Garden at Hanover Square in conjunction with a similar event at Grosvenor Square in London. The concert and ceremony are free and open to the public.

A reception will follow at the India House Club at One Hanover Square. Tickets are \$50 per person. [Click here](#) to download the reply card.

Sunday, September 13  
Free

**Harbor Day**

Harbor Day is the culminating event of New York City's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Henry Hudson's landing, and will also mark the launch of the newly-created Harbor District. All the major waterfront parks on the perimeter of New York City will be linked by free bikes and free hop-on/hop-off ferry service, making the connections from park to park. There will be programs and activities for all ages.

Visit [nycgo.com](http://nycgo.com) for details.