

News

Enjoy Summer from River To River

The River To River Festival presented by American Express is back with hundreds of free cultural events in Lower Manhattan this summer. The 2009 season offers a blockbuster line-up that kicked off on May 31 and continues through the end of August.



Since its inception in 2002, tens of thousands of people have come Downtown for free concerts, dance performances, film screenings, art installations, and other cultural events held at some of the city's most picturesque venues.

We hope you can join us for this summer's Festival. Check out RiverToRiverNYC.com for the summer schedule, pictures and video.

Tweet Around Downtown

Do you like Downtown? Do you like free stuff? We do too! That's why we've launched Tweet Around Downtown, an interactive game on Twitter that gives you the chance to score free swag from the Downtown Alliance and local restaurants and retailers.



The rules are simple: follow the Downtown Alliance on Twitter (username [@DowntownNYC](https://twitter.com/DowntownNYC)) and wait for us to announce the next Tweet Around Downtown spot, where Downtown Alliance staff will be waiting with free stuff. When we do, be the first to get there and you'll win a fun prize.

We can't give you any hints about the next spot. You'll have to follow us on Twitter to find out!

Good luck, and let the Tweets begin!

Breaking Away Downtown

Bike Around Downtown has returned this summer, offering free bicycle rentals in Lower Manhattan. Thirty bicycles are available free of charge at the Bike and Roll NYC station located at the South Street Seaport's Pier 17. Visit DowntownNY.com/bikearound to reserve a two and a half hour block of time.

The Downtown Alliance gives special thanks to Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver for making this program possible.

Up to the Challenge

On Wednesday, June 10 the Downtown Alliance was proud to participate in the Chase Corporate Challenge. Sporting "We Run Downtown" t-shirts, staff members ran and walked 3.5 miles through Central Park on an unseasonably cool evening. Over 15,000 employees representing 433 companies participated in this year's event.



Downtown Alliance employees are already looking forward to next year's Challenge. Here's to a fun and fit summer!

MEET A DOWNTOWN MERCHANT

Harry's Italian

This week, restaurateur Peter Poulakakos opens Harry's Italian, a family-style restaurant offering Italian classics like meatballs and eggplant parmesan. Bring your appetite but leave the big bucks at home: Harry's Italian serves up large portions at reasonable prices. Poulakakos's other Downtown restaurants include Financier, Adrienne's Pizza Bar, and Harry's Café & Steak.

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FUN DOWNTOWN FACT

Though originally built and armed to defend New York Harbor during the war of 1812, Castle Clinton never fired a single gunshot. Instead, the structure has been used as a restaurant and entertainment center, an opera house and theater, an immigrant landing depot, and an aquarium. In 1946, the Castle was restored and has served as a museum and ferry ticket office (it also hosts the Downtown Alliance Castle Clinton Concert Series during the summer).

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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.

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Events

Saturday, July 4
3:30pm
Battery Park
Free

July 4th Concert: Conor Oberst and the Mystic Valley Band with Jenny Lewis

Celebrate our nation's independence with a free concert in New York City's oldest neighborhood. The Downtown Alliance proudly presents [Conor Oberst and the Mystic Valley Band](#) with [Jenny Lewis](#), performing live in Battery Park. Take in the stunning views of New York Harbor and the Statue of Liberty while rocking out at this one-of-a-kind performance.

This event is not ticketed, but space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit RiverToRiverNYC.com for more information.

June 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26 & 27
All dates: 12:30pm & 1:30pm
Whitehall Terminal for the Staten Island Ferry
Free

LMCC Sitelines: Naomi Goldberg Haas/Dancers for a Variable Population: Fanfare

Groups of dancers of diverse ages perform to whimsically remixed compositions from Aaron Copeland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, by the minimalist composer Michael Nyman.

Visit RiverToRiverNYC.com for more information.

Friday, June 26
7:00pm
World Financial Center Winter Garden
Free

New York City Opera: La Navarraise

The River To River Festival brings New York City Opera's popular Opera for All program to the World Financial Center's Winter Garden with a concert performance of *La Navarraise*, a rarely performed Massenet opera.

In this gripping one-act work, a turbulent love story unfolds against the backdrop of civil war in Spain. Performed by the New York City Opera soloists and orchestra, *La Navarraise* reveals the composer of *Manon* and *Thais* at his lyrical best.

Visit RiverToRiverNYC.com for more information.

Monday, June 22
7:30pm
Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts, Pace University
Free

Summer Stars: Soo Bae

Praised by *The New Yorker* as "superb," and for "rich and romantic with crisp incisive technique" by *The Strad*, cellist Soo Bae was recognized in September 2006 by her home country of Canada as the top young cellist in the nation when she garnered First Prize in the Canada Council of the Arts Instrument Bank competition, resulting in a three-year loan of the ca. 1696 Bonjour Stradivari cello.

Tickets are free but required, available day of show at the box office after 4pm. Visit RiverToRiverNYC.com for more information.