

Governors Island Family Festival

Saturday May 30, from noon to 4

Come celebrate opening day of Governors Island at the **FREE** 5th Annual Family Festival! Music and live performers, arts and crafts and maritime education fill the day. Bring a picnic and spend a great day on Governors Island!

Performers include:

Dr. Ima Confused

Courtesy of Big Apple Circus

Be prepared to be confused, befuddled, and just plain stunned, by the physical comedy of the woman who thinks she knows everything, but really knows NOTHING!



"Mutual Strangers," Arm of the Sea Theater

Learn the story of a world-changing voyage to the unknown North American continent through live music and magical mask-and-puppet theater. Watch meetings between Henry Hudson and native Americans. Discover New Amsterdam with the Dutch East India Company.



The Hudson River Ramblers



Explore America's First River in story and song. Hear native legends of the river's origins and tales of encounters with Henry Hudson. Meet Dutch Knickerbockers and Yankee settlers. Sing along with Revolutionary War patriots and foes. Travel on the river with pirates!



The Jeff and Vida Band

Inspired by the 50's bluegrass and rockabilly sound, the music is both old and new. Their original songs range from Appalachian bluegrass to alternative country. Vida's powerful vocals and Jeff's rock 'n' roll approach to mandolin and guitar will get you stomping!

Loony Toony the Clown

Be dazzled by juggling and magic tricks. Get a balloon animal and, if you're lucky, maybe you can even stand inside a giant bubble!



Mad Tea Party

A brew of rock 'n' roll, retro-pop and honky tonk to create an innovative fun sound. More spectacle than two-person band, MTP invites you to boogie with them for the day's closing act.



How to get there:

Governors Island is reached by ferry, just 7 minutes from the southern tip of Manhattan. The first **FREE** ferry departs at 10 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from the Battery Maritime Building on South Street, between Whitehall and Broad Street, adjacent to the Staten Island Ferry. On May 30, ferries leave every half hour starting at 11.

Subway:

R to Whitehall Station
4/5 to Bowling Green
2/3 to Wall Street
1 to South Ferry

Bus:

M1, M6, M15 to South Ferry
M9 to Battery Park City



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On the Colonel's Row Stage...

12:00 - 12:10

Welcome by Dr. Ima Confused, courtesy of Big Apple Circus

12:10 - 12:50

Hudson River Ramblers

12:55 - 1:25

Loony Toony the Clown

1:30 - 2:30

"Mutual Strangers,"

Arm of the Sea Theater

2:35 - 3:15

The Jeff and Vida Band

3:20 - 4:00

Mad Tea Party



On the Colonel's Row Green...

12:00-4:00

Face Painting, Arts and Crafts, Hula Hoops and Games, Clowns, Stilts and Storytelling!

Puppet making workshop with Lisa Abbatomarco

Fire Safety Education with the FDNY

Bike Decorating with the Weekday Cyclists

Free Helmets and Helmet Fitting with the NYC Dept. of Transportation

Marine and Oyster Restoration Education with the New York Harbor School students, The River Project and the NY State Marine Education Association

At the Oyster Discovery Center...

10:00 - 1:00

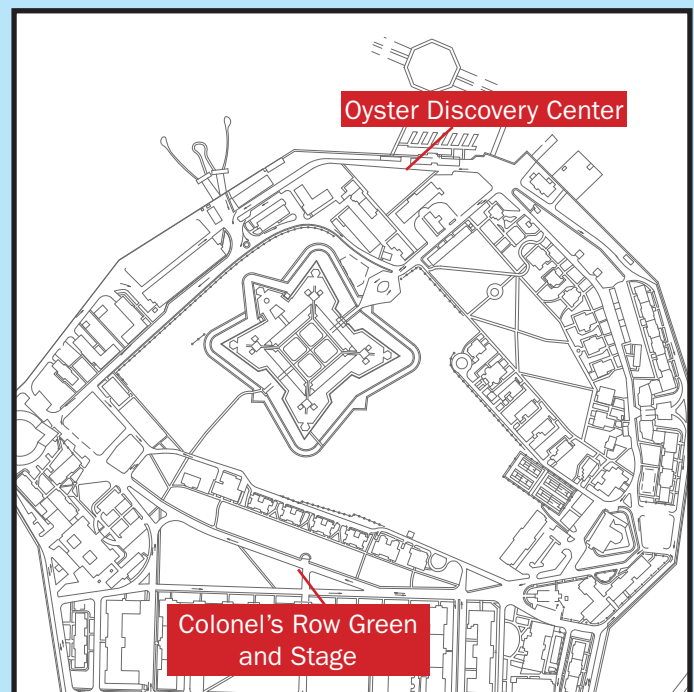
Building Nets for Oysters and More Fish!

Thanks to the Stroud Water Research Center's Mayfly Club and the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School, NY/NJ Baykeeper's Oyster Program volunteers will get 45 new 'Mo'Fish' cages where thousands of oysters can grow for future reef restoration efforts.

12:00-4:00

Learn about oysters in the NY / NJ Harbor with interpretive signs about oyster restoration, marine education and the history of oysters in New York

New York Harbor Observing and Prediction System (NYHOPS) with the Stevens Institute of Technology. Learn about the harbor through visualizations of ocean, weather, environmental, and vessel traffic conditions throughout the NY/ NJ Coast regions



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