

African Burial Ground

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African Burial Ground National Monument



Family Days

The African Burial Ground National Monument invites you and your family to visit during our upcoming scheduled Family Days: June 20, July 18 and August 22. All Family Day events will take place from 9 am to 5 pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20:

A Celebration of African American Music Month AFRO-BRAZILIAN CAPOEIRA

Capoeira is a combat dance that originated in Brazil in the 1500s. The dance and associated music have been developed and expanded upon the traditions of the enslaved African population brought to Brazil through the Trans-Atlantic slave trade. Teachers and performers from the Arte Capoeira Center belong to the ABADÁ-Capoeira group, which counts more than 40,000 members in 4 continents, and train the Regional style of Capoeira. Participants will learn about the history of Capoeira and how it relates to the West African origins of those buried at the African Burial Ground.

This performance will be offered at noon.

RING-SHOUT FROM THE GULLAH ISLANDS

The South Carolina and Georgia Sea Islands serve as home to the Gullah people, a group of African descendants whose lineage can be traced to very specific locations in coastal West Africa and in Central Africa.

The Ring Shout, a Gullah movement form and musical expression, is one of the most vivid artistic examples of African retentions that pre-date the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. Dr. Angela Fatou Gittens, a dance historian, will present a brief history of the Ring Shout after which she will lead the public in a Ring Shout in the lobby of 290 Broadway.

This program will be offered at 1 p.m.

JALIYA KAFO BAND FROM WEST AFRICA

The Jaliya Kafo Band Workshop will present soulful sounds of African music while teaching participants about different musical instruments. The art of playing some traditional African instruments has been passed down from one generation to the next. Participants in this workshop will hear how these musicians serve as historians, genealogists and storytellers and become an important part of family history and the kinship of the African Burial Ground.

This workshop will be offered at 2:30 p.m.



AFRICAN BURIAL GROUND MEMORIAL
"Ancestral Liberation Chamber"
Design: Rodney Leon - AARIS Architects



Plan Your Visit

African Burial Ground National Monument Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm and closed all Federal holidays. The memorial is open 7 days a week, 9 am to 5 pm and closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

The events will take place at the African Burial Ground National Monument, located on the first floor of the Ted Weiss Federal Building at 290 Broadway in Lower Manhattan, close to Foley Square and just north of City Hall. Upon entering the building, the public will have to go through airport like security.

All events are FREE and open to the public.

For more information: Please call (212) 637-1995, or visit us at www.nps.gov/afbg

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