

Press Release



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Experience the Power of Africa at Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday* On July 5

The Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturdays* event attracts thousands of visitors to **free** programs of art and entertainment each month. At the July 5 event, African cultures from north to south, east to west, and traditional to contemporary come to life with an exciting lineup of films, talks, music, and dance.

JULY 5 SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

6–8 p.m. Music

Jazz singer Somi infuses her lush vocals with elements of her East African heritage.

6 p.m. Film

Moolaadé (Ousmane Sembene, 2005, 124 min., NR) is a sensitively told story of a courageous Senegalese heroine who challenges female circumcision in her home village. A discussion with Dr. Natasha Gordon-Chipembere of Medgar Evers College, who is a researcher with the University of South Africa, follows. *Free tickets available at the Visitor Center at 5 p.m.*

6:30–8 p.m. Dance

Maimouna Keita Dance Company presents lyrically explosive renderings of traditional Senegalese dance and folklore. *Free tickets available at the Visitor Center at 5 p.m.*

6:30–8:30 p.m. Hands-On Art

Participants are invited to create their own collage of an African animal. *Free timed tickets available at the Visitor Center at 5:30 p.m.*

7 p.m. Curator Talk

Ladan Akbarnia, Curator of Islamic Art, on the exhibition *Ghada Amer: Love Has No End*. Sign language interpreted. *Free tickets available at the Visitor Center at 5 p.m.*

8 p.m. Gallery Talk

Organizer Shelley Bernstein on *Click! A Crowd-Curated Exhibition*. *Free tickets available at the Visitor Center at 7 p.m.*

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8:30 p.m. Film

Waiting for Happiness (Abderrahmane Sissako, 2002, 95 min., NR) is a prominent African director's tender and poetic reflection on the themes of exile, travel, belonging, and displacement as told through vignettes of life in Mauritania. *Free tickets available at the Visitor Center at 7 p.m.*

9–11 p.m. Dance Party

DJ Stone spins funky African music, including *soukous*, *quaito*, and highlife.

Throughout the evening, a cash bar will offer beer and wine, and the Museum Café will serve a wide variety of sandwiches, salads, and beverages. The Museum Shop will remain open until 11 p.m.

Some *Target First Saturday* programs have limited space available and are ticketed on a first-come, first-served basis. Lines for free tickets often form 30 minutes in advance. **Programs are subject to change without notice. Free ticket distribution does not apply to the exhibition © MURAKAMI. Those tickets may be purchased at the Visitor Center.** For more information, please visit www.brooklynmuseum.org/visit/first-saturdays.php. Museum galleries are open until 11 p.m. Parking is a flat rate of \$4 from 5 to 11 p.m.

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