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Move to the Beat of Antibalas this Thursday at Castle Clinton



New York, NY, (July 20, 2010) —The ninth annual River To River Festival, New York City's largest free summer arts program, will continue its string of noteworthy concerts this Thursday when high-energy Brooklyn Afrobeat orchestra [Antibalas](#) performs in Battery Park. The Alliance for Downtown New York serves as the Festival's managing partner.

"The eyes of New York City's arts scene are focused on Lower Manhattan and the River To River Festival every summer," said Downtown Alliance President Elizabeth H. Berger. "And, this year, we're continuing to bring the work of hundreds of performing artists like Antibalas to hundreds of thousands of eager concert-goers in distinctive Lower Manhattan locations."

The free Antibalas concert will begin at 7 PM Thursday at the historic Castle Clinton in Battery Park. Antibalas is Spanish for "bulletproof." With their musical direction and energetic instrumentalists, the group works with Afrobeat legend Fela Kuti, among others, in the current Broadway hit FELA!

Free tickets are required and will be distributed outside Castle Clinton on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 5 PM.

Founded in 2002, the River To Festival was conceived as a unique way to bring people back to Lower Manhattan. American Express is the Festival's founding title sponsor. In addition to the Downtown Alliance, programming is provided by arts>World Financial Center, The Battery Park City Authority, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and South Street Seaport Marketplace.

The River To Festival—which runs through August 19 at a variety of public venues south of Chambers Street from river to river—has made a powerful artistic and economic impact on Lower Manhattan.

Other Downtown Alliance-sponsored performances include:

**Broadway2Battery:
Movie Nights on the Elevated Acre—Classic New York Features
Paired with Independent Shorts**

- **Broadway Danny Rose**
July 29 at 8 PM

Told in flashbacks by a group of comedians over lunch at the Carnegie Deli, Woody Allen's Oscar-nominated 1984 film, co-starring Mia Farrow, follows hapless talent agent "Broadway" Danny Rose (Allen) as he gets dragged into a love triangle involving the mob. Preceded by screenings of short films by Alex Kalman and Josh Safdie.

- **Auntie Mame**
August 5 at 8 PM

Based on the Broadway production and nominated for six Academy Awards, this beloved 1958 classic stars Rosalind Russell as Mame, an exuberant and unconventional socialite in the roaring 20s. Featuring a short film screening by filmmaker Cheryl Dunn.

- **The Country Girl**
August 12 at 8 PM

Adapted from the Clifford Odets play and starring Grace Kelly, William Holden and Bing Crosby in his greatest performance, this 1954 Oscar-winning drama tells the story of an alcoholic, has-been Broadway actor struggling with the one last chance he's been given to resurrect his career. Featuring short films by Alexandra Lerman.

- **The Muppets Take Manhattan**
August 19 at 8 PM

Frank Oz directs this 1984 ode to Broadway in which the Muppets travel to New York intent on finding a producer for their musical, *Manhattan Melodies*. Featuring a short film by Jay Hufford.

Free tickets are required and will be distributed two per person at the street-level Water Street entrance to the Elevated Acre on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 6 pm on the day of each screening. The Elevated Acre is located at 55 Water Street, between Broad and William Streets.

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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