

A Community
Conversation

What

Creates

Health?

CUNY Hostos
Campus
the Bronx, NYC
September 24
1p.m.-8p.m.

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Highlights Include

1:00 p.m.

Heart of the Bronx

Stories and music exploring themes of health, love, and happiness in the Bronx. Featuring true life stories of struggles and successes with health, and songs from Bronx artists.

Storytellers: Geraliz Castro, Uptown Health Care Management, Inc. and Kendra Oke, Health People, Inc.

Music by: Abraham Velasquez and Luke Nephew of Peace Poets; North Star of Division X;

Produced by: Five Boro Story Project.

1:30 p.m.

Defining Wholeness and Health through Imagination, Art and Politics

What is the relationship between making art, the sovereignty and wellbeing of an individual body and a social body? What are we doing and can we do collectively to sustain wellbeing as integral to an understanding and enactment of justice and equality? What is the spiritual component to imagining, making and wholeness/health? Panelists: Pato Hebert, Caitis Meissner, Kyla Searle, Antonio Lyons, Cheryl Boyce Taylor.

Moderator: Kathy Engel, poet, Chair & Associate Arts Professor, Dept of Art & Public Policy, NYU Tisch School of the Arts

2:30 p.m.

Creating a Cultural Plan for NYC

What is the relationship between arts and culture and the social, economic, health, and welfare of New Yorkers and our neighborhoods? Join us to learn about The New York City Cultural Plan and roll up your sleeves to brainstorm how the arts can be integrated into the work of two health-based coalitions.

Facilitators: New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, Hester Street Collaborative, and Naturally Occurring Cultural Districts–NY.

3:00 p.m.

Race, Place, and Public Space: Biking While Black in NYC

Streets are the largest public space in New York City, but “street safety,” means different things to different people. From protected lanes to gentrification and policing, this conversation will consider the issues and challenges that face the diverse communities who bicycle in the city.

Facilitator: Charles Brown, Rutgers University.

M.A.K.U. Soundsystem

Based in New York City, with roots in Colombia, M.A.K.U. Soundsystem puts on a party for everyday people. Innovators of immigrant beat, on stage M.A.K.U. juxtaposes traditional Colombian percussion, drum-set, synthesizers, electric base, guitar, and sizzling horns to create an explosive performance filled with unshakable grooves.

The Domino Effect

How do we facilitate neighborhood change that isn't harmful to the people who live in the neighborhood? Join filmmakers in a journey back to look at the series of urban planning policies that got us to where we are today.

Facilitators: University of Orange & artist Havanna Fisher Newby.

4:00 p.m.

Healthy Together: Immigrant Health and Access in NYC

How are our programs addressing the linguistic and cultural needs of immigrant communities? What are some best engagement practices used? How has culturally responsive programming had an effect on the community? What are ways that we can engage community in taking action and bringing systemic change in NYC?

Panelists: Claudia Calhoun, New York Immigration Coalition; Eunhye Grace Kim, Korean Community Services of Metropolitan NY; Nora Chavez, Health First; Sudha Acharya, South Asian Council for Social Services.

Moderator: Hindia Omar-Miller, NYC DOHMH The Center for Health Equity.

5:00p.m.–8:00p.m.

Main Theater

**Keynote Address: Dr. Mary T. Bassett–Commissioner,
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**

Okayplayer presents...Alright: A Conversation On Race, Social Justice & Community Health

Panelists: Feminista Jones, mental health social worker, sex-positive feminist writer, public speaker, and community activist; Elle Hearn, activist, Black Lives Matter; Mychal Denzel Smith, author; Marlon Peterson, founder of The Precedential Group and activist; Tanya Fields, Executive Director BLK ProjeK. Special Panelist Performance by Liza Jessie Peterson, renowned actress, poet, playwright, educator and advocate.

Musical performance by Deva Mahal