

For Immediate Release

The Kitchen Block Party, Saturday, September 17

Free, family-friendly, neighborhood street fair presented by The Kitchen

New York, NY, August 29, 2011 — On **Saturday, September 17**, West 19th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues will be transformed into the tenth **Kitchen Block Party**, a family-friendly street festival featuring dozens of FREE artist-led activity booths, workshops, and live performances. The event will run from **11:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.** (rain or shine).

Included among the more than twenty activity booths are face-painting, cookie-decorating, mask-making, inventive photo booths, and temporary tattoos—all imaginatively re-interpreted by professional artists and all free to the public. Those artists include **Michael Paul Britto, Nathan Carter, Francisca Chaidez-Gutierrez, Michael deLucia, Torkwase Dyson, Jonathan Ehrenberg and Bryan Zanisnik, Escape Artist and Saintchic, Brent Green and Donna K, Nancy Hwang, Simone Leigh and Chitra Ganesh, Branden Koch, Paul McMahon, Carol Pereira, Kenya (Robinson), Carolyn Salas, Hanna Sandin, Lisa Sanditz, Rachel Schaffran, Paul Mpagi Sepuya and Timothy Hull, Adenike Sharpley, Greg Smith, and Nina Yuen**, among others.

Artists will also lead special workshops like hula-hooping and drumming lessons. Other highlights of the event will include a range of live performances by **DJ Laylo and Eli Efi, Pegasus Warning, Olabunmi** and the **Hamana Djembe Orchestra**, a *Shim Sham* tap dance jam hosted by **Jason Samuels Smith** and featuring the **Theo Hill Trio**, and a special performance by dance students from **The Edge School of the Arts**.

Local food vendors including **Asiadog, Chelsea Thai, Choncho's Tacos, Coconut Rob and La Newyorkina** will provide delicious and affordable food for purchase. Festival-goers can also cool off inside The Kitchen and view the new exhibitions **Jennie C. Jones: *Absorb/Diffuse*** and **Joe Winter: *The Stars Below***.

The Kitchen Block Party will draw individuals and families from all over the city, as well as the Kitchen's immediate vicinity; in 2009, the Block Party drew more than 5,000 attendees. Now more than a decade-long tradition, the Block Party has grown into a true back-to-school fall highlight for the neighborhood, showcasing the creativity, vitality, and diversity of West Chelsea.

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ABOUT THE KITCHEN

The Kitchen is one of New York City's oldest multidisciplinary, nonprofit performance and exhibition spaces, showing experimental work by innovative artists, both emerging and established. Programs range from dance, music, and theatrical performances to video, film, literary events, artists' talks, and lecture series. Since its inception in 1971, it has been a powerful force in shaping the cultural landscape of this country and has helped launch the careers of many artists who have gone on to worldwide prominence. For more information, please visit www.thekitchen.org.

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