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Dromm Announces 2nd Annual “June in Jackson Heights”
Month-long Event Showcases Multicultural Artist Colony, International Cuisine and Business Empowerment Initiative

Jackson Heights, NY, May 27, 2011 -- At a press conference on Thursday, New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm announced the 2nd Annual “June in Jackson Heights”, an initiative designed to highlight the wealth of unique artistic talent, businesses and restaurants in the most diverse community in the world. The month-long event will include art exhibits and installations, theatrical readings, family friendly activities, dance & musical performances and the 2nd Annual *Jackson Heights Restaurant Week* from June 20th through June 25th.

“After last year’s wildly successful debut I am pleased to once again sponsor an initiative that showcases the broad range of arts and culture that make Jackson Heights such a unique neighborhood in which to live, work, eat, and shop,” said New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm (D-Queens). “June in Jackson Heights is also a wonderful example of how arts and culture can be a driving force for economic development.”

Dromm added, "We are inviting everyone to visit the area in June to partake in the numerous events that are happening all around our neighborhood. You can take a guided tour highlighting the historic landmarked gardens, enjoy piano playing in front of our post office, or visit our library, one of the most used branches in all of New York, for free educational and cultural programs."

Last year, Espresso 77 owner Afzal Hossein held a Kid’s Day mural extravaganza and this year he will partner with El Museo del Barrio on June 25th for another fun filled family art event.

“I thank Council Member Dromm for sponsoring this event,” said Hossein. “June is just the beginning, as we continue to exhibit local artists year-round.”

Also taking place in June is the 19th Annual Queens, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade and Multicultural Festival on Sunday, June 5th. With “Pride Around the World” as this year’s international theme, the parade kicks off at noon and starts at 85th Street and 37th Avenue, ending at 75th Street where it disperses into a day long festival.

Of course it would not be “June in Jackson Heights” without another palatable Restaurant Week. Food from just about every corner of the world will be featured with menus from Italy, Greece,

Nepal, China, India, Japan, Mexico and South America offering fantastic deals. The event will kick off Monday, June 20th and run through Saturday, June 25, 2011.

Many of last year's favorites are welcomed back for this year's event in addition to new participating restaurants sure to please: Delhi Heights (37-66 74th St.) Himalayan Hut (75-18 37th Ave), La Boina Roja (80-22 37th Ave), Mustang Thakali Kitchen (74-14 37th Ave), Plaka (75-61 31st Ave) and La Porteña (74-25 37th Ave).

Hector Canonge, a new-media artist who curated the *Babel* exhibit for June in Jackson Heights in 2010, is bringing his art to the street on June 4th at 83rd St and Roosevelt Avenue. The performance piece entitled, *Trace-Able: Homogenius*, will celebrate the accomplishments and contributions to society of gay, lesbian and transgender people.

Also on board, "Play Me, I'm Yours" will feature "88 Pianos", placed in public areas in every borough. This endeavor, started by artist Luke Jerram and Sing for Hope, will be back in Jackson Heights and will make a piano available for any member of the community to play and engage with from June 2nd through June 21st. A concert in conjunction with Make Music NY will be held on June 21st in front of the Post Office at 78th Street and 37th Avenue.

To promote the event, organizers have launched a website, www.juneinjacksonheights.com, containing an ongoing list of all the June activities, as well as restaurants participating in *Jackson Heights Restaurant Week*. Information will be updated daily since so many events are still being finalized. Additionally, local web sites like jacksonheightslife.com and ediblequeens.com will be working to promote "June in Jackson Heights" throughout the month.

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