



**HENRY STREET
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COMING Up At The ABRONS

Basil Twist and Joey Arias:
Arias with a Twist Deluxe
September 14–October 16

**Fitzgerald and Stapleton: The Smell
of Want (World Premiere)**
October 6–8

Ben Allison
October 16

Steampunk Haunted House:
Through the Looking Glass
October 21–23 / October 26–31

New York City Players:
Dreamless Land (World Premiere)
November 1–20

Nutcracker on the Lower
November 26–December 4

A Christmas Carol or Dickens:
The Unparalleled Necromancer
(World Premiere)
December 1–December 20

Mx Justin Vivian Bond's
Austerity Measures
December 8–17

Underground at the Abrons
December 16

American Realness:
Festival of New Dance
and Contemporary
Performance
January 5–15

Eve Beglarian: The River
Project (New York Premiere)
January 20–28

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performances or arts training
classes (in music, theater,
visual arts and dance), please
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abronsartscenter.org.

The ABRONS ARTS CENTER: People Are Talking!

Performances, exhibitions, arts training and education — the Abrons Arts Center does it all, and New Yorkers can't get enough. From rave theater reviews in *The New York Times* and *The New Yorker*, to sold-out performances, waiting lists for summer camp, expanded arts training programs and exhibitions, there's a lot happening at the Grand Street center.

The fall season kicks off with a five-week run of the madcap musical revue *Arias with a Twist*, followed by the newest incarnation of Third Rail Project's phantasmagorical Steampunk Haunted House. In November, Performa 2011 will feature commissioned works by three international visual artists venturing into the realm of performance, and Justin Bond's ever-popular holiday concert returns.

The AIRspace residency program for visual artists saw a 45 percent increase in applications this year and its first curator-in-residence, Miguel Amado, was recently hired by the Tate Galleries in London.

Even the facilities have garnered attention: Christopher Gray of *The New York Times* featured the Abrons in his "Streetscapes" column in December, and this spring the Playhouse was designated a New York City landmark.

"We are thrilled to be leading the arts renaissance on the Lower East Side," said Jay Wegman, Artistic Director of the Abrons Arts Center.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT ABRONS PERFORMERS

Arias With A Twist:

"Eat your heart out, Madonna. The chanteuses who play Madison Square Garden and football stadiums have never experienced the imaginative heights of spectacle with which Basil Twist surrounds Joey Arias."

—Ben Brantley, *The New York Times*

Steampunk Haunted House:

"A lavish delight for the senses."

—*The Village Voice*

Justin Bond's Christmas Spells:

"A performance that helped italicize one of the primary reasons we go to the theatre: to watch bodies, and thus truth, unfold as they tell stories."

—Hilton Als, *The New Yorker*

AMERICAN REALNESS:

"Spunky, smart... some of the brightest and most provocative lights on New York's contemporary scene."

—Claudia LaRocco, *The New York Times*

► Clockwise, from top right:
A scene from Steampunk
Haunted House, Ben Allison,
Mx Justin Vivian Bond.

HENRY STREET happenings

Henry Street Settlement opens doors of opportunity for Lower East Side residents and all New Yorkers through innovative social services, arts programs and health care services. Here's a snapshot of some current programs:



Henry Street DISHES IT OUT

Henry Street is known for its social services, arts and health care programs, but did you know that the Settlement serves as many as 2,100 nutritious meals a day to keep clients well-nourished?

Henry Street's Meals on Wheels program delivers 1,000 meals each weekday to home-bound Manhattan residents, and the Good Companions Senior Center (located at 334 Madison Street) provides as many as 180 meals a day — lunch, dinner and, on Sunday, breakfast and lunch — in a lively communal setting.

In the Youth Services division, the Day Care program provides 100 children with breakfast and lunch every day, and 140 students at two After-School sites are served an after-school snack and dinner. (In the summer, the 260 youth attending the Settlement's day camps are given breakfast and lunch as well.)

Henry Street's Third Street Women's Residence provides 237 meals per day to its residents, and the Community Consultation Center's Psychiatric Day Treatment Program serves its clients about 130 meals a day.

"We believe in promoting good health among members of our community, and proper nutrition is an essential component," said David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street.



▲ Top: Children in day care enjoy healthy snacks; above: A Meals on Wheels delivery.

A New HOMELESS CHALLENGE at Henry Street and BEYOND

The goal of Henry Street's Transitional and Supportive Housing division is not only to shelter individuals, but to help them move to permanent housing. For many years, this was achieved, in part, because of rent subsidies provided by the government. However, in March the subsidy program was eliminated — and its effects are being felt at Henry Street and beyond.

"The elimination of the subsidy makes our already challenging work even more difficult," said Geniria Armstrong, Deputy Program Officer for Transitional and Supportive Housing. "The lack of affordable housing, a volatile economy and rising unemployment in New York City make the transition to permanent housing especially daunting."

To combat these challenges, Henry Street maintains a roster of full-time housing specialists to assist shelter residents, and recently added an on-site employment specialist to help connect residents to jobs that pay a living wage.

"We are committed to providing the resources to help our residents access employment and education so they have a better chance of finding a home of their own," said David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street. "This latest challenge underscores the value of our purpose more than ever, and we will continue to work toward opening doors for our clients."



Henry Street shelters many families while they look for permanent housing.



Henry Street UNIVERSITY, Class of 2011

This past summer, 100 lucky high school seniors were enrolled in a unique "university" — one designed to help them get into college. These students were lucky because they got a coveted spot in Henry Street University (HSU), the summer program of the agency's Expanded Horizons College Preparation Services. HSU served 48 students last year but was able to expand this year, thanks to a generous grant from the Xerox Corporation.

The six-week intensive teaches the students how to fill out applications, how to secure recommendations, how to write the all-important college essay, and offers SAT prep courses and visits to college campuses.

"Every summer, students come to HSU because they know they'll learn how to successfully navigate the college application process," said Matthew Phifer, Director of Adolescent Education Services at Henry Street. "There are even weekly group trips to nearby colleges, including Fordham, SUNY Albany, and Hofstra."

The students are enthusiastic. "It's a great opportunity," says Sabrina Mezar. "Other programs just seem expensive; the teachers at HSU are awesome," adds Gaby Cordero.

Each year, Expanded Horizons serves more than 400 students ages 14 to 24 and last year 119 high school seniors were accepted to college.



SAT prep classes at Henry Street University prepare youth for college admission.



◀ The Youthmarket farm stand provided jobs for youth and fruits and vegetables for the Henry Street neighborhood.

Lower East Side Youthmarket = GREENS and JOBS

New York City's newest Youthmarket — a GrowNYC farm stand — opened at Henry Street this summer. Some of the workers at the stand were graduates of Henry Street's Young Adult Internship Program, a 14-week intensive program to prepare them for the job market.

"Youthmarket provided an excellent first employment opportunity for these graduates," said Gregory Rideout, Deputy Program Officer for Youth and Workforce Development at Henry Street.

Parent Center NEWS

The Parent Center has been a beehive of activity: some 158 parenting groups and workshops were presented this year and the Center recorded 648 visits! In addition to weekly workshops on topics like self-esteem, child development, healthy eating, discipline and postpartum depression, the Center offers group sessions leading to an Administration for Children's Services-approved parenting certificate and referrals to other Henry Street programs.

For more information, please call 212.962.0729 or visit henrystreet.org.



With MICROSOFT's HELP, Henry Street "ELEVATES AMERICA"

When Zoraida Nunez, 25, walked into Henry Street's Workforce Development Center (WDC), she was simply looking for a job. Instead, she got the tools — extensive computer training — to launch a career. Zoraida is one of hundreds of individuals who have been helped by the WDC thanks to a \$250,000 grant from Microsoft's Elevate America program.

This generous award and partnership with Microsoft will enable the WDC to reach even more vulnerable individuals, including women and residents in our homeless shelters, as well as disadvantaged youth ages 18 to 25 who have greater barriers to employment and re-employment than the broader population. Selected through a competitive funding process, the grant will help Henry Street fund a comprehensive set of resources — career counseling, technology skills training, job placement and additional support services such as childcare and transportation — to help people be successful in today's workplace.

"We are grateful to Microsoft for this generous financial support which will allow Henry Street to serve even more community members, providing them with essential skills in today's competitive marketplace," said David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street.

For more information, call 212.478.5400 or visit henrystreet.org



▲ Zoraida Nunez hones her computer skills in Henry Street's ATTAIN Computer Lab with help from teacher Emani Harris.

The 2012 ART SHOW

Please join us at the 24th annual Art Show! The Art Show Gala Preview will be held at the Park Avenue Armory on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, and the show will be open to the public from March 7 to 11, 2012. Lauded by The New York Times and other media as a "young in spirit" show not to be missed, the Art Show is organized annually by the Art Dealers Association of America to benefit Henry Street Settlement's vital programs.

Last year's Art Show was a huge success, with 2,400 people at the gala preview and 12,000 attending the run-of-show. Among several generous artist's gifts sold in the silent auction were a Matisse drawing and an Ai Weiwei sculpture; the proceeds from these sales benefited Henry Street's programs. For more information, call 212.766.9200 x247 or visit henrystreet.org/artshow.



GALA Dinner Dance

The hottest ticket in town last April was Henry Street's Spring Dinner Dance, a sold-out event to honor Richard S. Abrons, President of The Louis and Anne Abrons Foundation and Vice Chairman of Henry Street; Ursula M. Burns, Chairman and CEO of Xerox Corporation, who participated in Henry Street's programs as a child; and Lauren Bush, Co-Founder and CEO of FEED Projects.

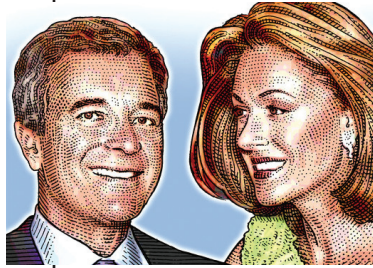
Co-chairs of the Dinner Dance, held at the Grand Ballroom at the Plaza Hotel, were Veronica Bulgari, Eva Jeanbart-Lorenzotti, Kalliope Karella, Angela Mariani, Anna Pinheiro, Pilar Crespi Robert and Lesley Schulhof.

The evening is an important fundraiser to support Henry Street's vital social service, arts and health care programs. And raise money it did: Burns announced that the Xerox Foundation had approved a \$250,000 grant to Henry Street's Expanded Horizons college prep program.



STEPHEN and PILAR CRESPI ROBERT Recognized in *The Wall Street Journal*

Stephen and Pilar Crespi Robert, two of Henry Street's most generous supporters, were featured in *The Wall Street Journal*'s



"Donor of the Day" column on July 11. Pilar, who is a vice president on Henry Street's Board of Directors, and her husband,

Stephen, founded the Source of Hope Foundation. The Settlement has informed their foundation's philanthropy efforts, and their leadership has inspired others to support Henry Street's vital programs. Pilar told the newspaper that Henry Street is one of the organizations "closest to my heart" because it has "one of the most interesting holistic approaches" to helping people. She is particularly involved with the Settlement's work with children and women who are victims of domestic violence.

They CAME, They VOLUNTEERED, They CONQUERED: Digitas Community Service Day at Henry Street

They came, they built, they painted, they installed, they did it all. More than 600 employees from the New York offices of Digitas renovated spaces in nine of Henry Street Settlement's facilities on August 3, 2011, as part of the advertising agency's annual Community Service Day. The volunteer group was the largest the Settlement has ever seen.

The Digitas employees' many projects included refurbishing and renovating both indoor and outdoor spaces, designing and painting murals, and providing fun activities for Henry Street's youth and adult clients.

"Time and effort are as valuable as money, and our corporate sponsors at Digitas bring all three to the table," said David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street. "This comprehensive approach increases the value of their volunteer effort exponentially. Their generosity allows us to continue to provide our essential programs more effectively, programs which have an enormous impact in our community and the city at large."

Joanne Zaiac, President of Digitas, New York Region, said it was "an honor" for her agency to volunteer at Henry Street. "We maintain partnerships with several local organizations and chose to work with Henry Street this year to support their efforts to develop a dynamic community through diverse initiatives such as supportive and transitional housing to youth and senior development," she said.



Volunteers from Digitas refurbished a rooftop playground used by Henry Street's day care center.

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