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## March Events at Brooklyn Historical Society

**February 15, Brooklyn, NY** -- The Brooklyn Historical Society has a number of exciting programs happening this March and we wanted you to be the first to know about them.

### Wednesday, March 2

#### **Jeffrey Kroessler, *The Greater New York Sports Chronology***

6:00-7:30pm

As part of BHS' spring baseball programming, Jeffrey A. Kroessler will discuss his book, *The Greater New York Sports Chronology*. Jeffrey A. Kroessler's comprehensive and entertaining time line stretches from the pastoral entertainments of the Dutch to the corporate captivity of professional sports. He chronicles events ranging from the truly heroic to the heartbreaking, from moments of municipal greatness to inescapable social change. Through it all he plants the world of sport at the very center of New York's story.

### Thursday, March 3

#### **Haitian Music from Vodou to Gospel, Rara to Hip Hop** lecture by Elizabeth McAlister, Ph.D.

6:00pm

BHS partners with the Center for Traditional Music and Dance (CTMD) to present one in a ten-part lecture series by leading ethnomusicologists/folklorists entitled "The Sounds of Immigrant New York" in Winter/Spring 2011. The series will educate the public about how New York City immigrant communities have adapted their music and dance traditions and have continued to keep them vital in a new home. The ten lectures will be programmed throughout the boroughs at host sites specially selected to maximize outreach to community members, other key constituents and the general public.

Dr. McAlister, a professor at Wesleyan and a specialist in Afro-Haitian religious music will present a lecture on Haitian music. What sets Haitian music apart from other Caribbean musics? How has Haiti's fierce politics of independence shaped its musical traditions? How is music a part of Afro-Creole religious tradition, of Christian worship, and of Carnival parades? Why did so many Haitian earthquake survivors react to the disaster by singing, and how did they use song to form community and sustain hope? In this talk, researcher and scholar Elizabeth McAlister will listen to the musical genius of Haitian musical styles and discuss the distinctive ways Haitians use rhythm and song to shape their world.

### Sunday, March 6

#### **Brooklyn Baseball Film Series**

2:00pm

This is the third and final film in the BHS Brooklyn Baseball Film Series. *Dem Bums: The History of the Brooklyn Dodgers* (75 minutes) is a moving documentary about the beloved Brooklyn Dodgers, considered by many to be the team of the ordinary man. This film consists of several

episodic sections that recount the team's early beginnings in Brooklyn, the Golden Era of New York Baseball from 1947-1957, and their heartbreaking move to Los Angeles in 1958. Throughout the documentary there is original footage, player interviews and a behind the scenes look into life in the clubhouse. Produced by the same company that made *The Brooklyn Dodgers: An American Treasure*, this documentary delivers a more in depth look at this treasured team. The players of the Brooklyn Dodgers were a spectacular group of athletes and are continue to be bitterly missed by their fans. *Dem Bums* is an excellent and entertaining documentary, worthy of being watched over and over. This event is open to the public and is free with museum admission.

While you are at BHS for the film, please visit our exhibit [Home Base: Memories of the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field](#) and record your experiences and memories of the Dodgers at the "Post Game Wrap Up." Your contributions will then become part of the exhibit and Brooklyn Dodgers history!

### **Thursday, March 10**

#### **Trivial and Convivial: BHS Pub Trivia Night**

7:00-10:00pm

Doors open at 6:30pm

Have you ever played trivia in a 19th century landmark building in Brooklyn Heights? It's probably time you did. Join veteran trivia hosts Stuart Post and Chris Kelley and the rest of the team at the Brooklyn Historical Society for BHS' second pub-style trivia event featuring prizes, beer, food and, of course, competitive team trivia! Come test your wits with themed rounds about all sorts of Brooklyn ephemera including music, movies, geography and all-around general knowledge. We'll have music clues, movie clips and more! If trivia's not your thing, come by to cheer on the game and enjoy a Brooklyn Brewery beer in one of the most stunning interiors in Brooklyn. Come as a team, or come solo and we'll find you a team.

**Tickets: \$8 BHS members/\$10 non-members.** Ticket purchase includes admission to trivia event and one free Brooklyn Brewery beer or water. **Advanced ticket purchase recommended.** [Buy your ticket.](#)

### **Sunday, March 13**

#### **Sandy Miller, *Unexpected New York*, Book Talk**

2:00pm

In his latest book on the city that never sleeps, Miller offers a glimpse into the businesses, activities, architectural structures, and hidden wonders not usually seen by visitors or even denizens of the city.

### **Saturday, March 26**

#### **Panel: Re-Examining Carl Furillo**

2:00pm

**Ted Reed**, a veteran reporter and author of the new book *Carl Furillo: Brooklyn Dodgers All-Star*, will speak about Furillo's career and two little-explored events that have shaped perceptions of the Dodgers right-fielder: Furillo's supposed opposition to Jackie Robinson joining the Dodgers and Furillo's suit against the Dodgers for injuries. **Judith Testa**, a former college professor and author of *Sal Maglie: Baseball's Demon Barber*, will speak about the twists and turns in the relationship between Furillo and Maglie. **Carl Furillo Jr.** will share memories of his dad.

### **Sunday, March 27**

#### **Sherri Eisenberg: *Food Lover's Guide to Brooklyn***

2:00pm

The ultimate guide to the food scene in Brooklyn; *Food Lovers' Guide to Brooklyn* provides the inside scoop on the best places to find, enjoy, and celebrate local culinary offerings. Local author Sherri Eisenberg shares her insights for residents and visitors alike to find producers and purveyors of tasty local specialties, as well as a rich array of other, indispensable food-related information.

[Thursday, March 31](#)

***The Great Divorce* Book Talk by Ilyon Woo**

6:00pm

What happened to the three Chapman children when they disappeared from a New York Shaker village in 1815? Had they been "taken captive" by the Shakers, as their mother alleged--or was their unstable father responsible, as the Shakers claimed? Woo will discuss the central mystery and sensational custody and divorce at the heart of *The Great Divorce*, as well as this frequently asked question: What became of the children? The answer involves adultery, bigamy, attempted murder, and other tabloid drama, staged in Brooklyn-- a shocking turn of events for former Shakers.