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BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY LAUNCHES NEW PODCAST, *FLATBUSH + MAIN*

The 153 year-old institution brings its collection resources, staff expertise, and unique voice to a monthly program, starting in April

April 27, 2016 Brooklyn, NY— Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) is pleased to announce the launch of a new podcast, *Flatbush + Main*, hosted by Julie Golia, the institution's Director of Public History, and Oral Historian, Zaheer Ali. *Flatbush + Main* will dive deep into Brooklyn's iconic, quirky histories, and tie them to some of the most salient issues facing New Yorkers and Americans today.

"The podcast will bring BHS's rich collection of archival materials and oral histories to life, connecting contemporary Brooklynites with stories of the borough's past," said Deborah Schwartz, Brooklyn Historical Society President.

What's in a name? Flatbush Avenue is the spine of Brooklyn, running from the Manhattan Bridge to Jamaica Bay and the Rockaways. The neighborhood of Flatbush represents both Brooklyn's agricultural past and its defining diversity. Main Street is where it's all happening – a concept that will resonate with listeners across the country. The podcast aims to examine the intersection of Brooklyn's past and present, at the corner of Flatbush and Main.

Airing on Wednesday, April 27, and tied to Earth Day, the first episode will dig into the history of trash in Brooklyn. Guests include historian Elizabeth Pillsbury discussing how Brooklyn's sewer system prompted the demise of the local oyster industry, and acclaimed artist Barry Rosenthal, whose photographs of water-borne trash have garnered worldwide acclaim. A new episode will be produced each month, covering subjects such as the history of hip hop; Crown Heights past and present; the built environment of Brooklyn's waterfront; how we at BHS talk about race and racism; Shirley Chisholm and other female politicians, and more.

Flatbush + Main will be available for audio download on iTunes, Stitcher, SoundCloud, and other listening platforms, starting Wednesday, April 27. Episodes and show notes can be found on BHS's blog:

<http://www.brooklynhistory.org/flatbush-main/>.

Listen to Flatbush + Main on the following platforms:

iTunes – brooklynhistory.org/fm-itunes

Stitcher – brooklynhistory.org/fm-stitcher

SoundCloud – soundcloud.com/brooklynhistory

Blubrry – blubrry.com/flatbushandmain

About Brooklyn Historical Society

Founded in 1863, Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally recognized urban history center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history. Located in Brooklyn Heights and housed in a magnificent landmark building designed by George Post and opened in 1881, today's BHS is a cultural hub for civic dialogue, thoughtful engagement, and community outreach.

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