



BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DECEMBER FREE FRIDAY: *WINTER MYTHS*

Museum stays open late, offers free admission, programming, and an astrological gaze into 2018

December 11, 2017 Brooklyn, NY—Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) stays open late for Free Friday on December 15, from 5pm to 9pm, offering an antidote to the holiday party circuit.

Learn about the pagan roots of today's seasonal traditions in a talk by *Edible Brooklyn's* Victoria Flexner; Alice Sparkly Kat, who aims to detangle astrology from colonization and the patriarchy, offers her forecast for 2018; grab a cup from the cauldron of mulled wine, and join in an introductory lesson on cult card game *Magic: The Gathering* by game expert, Peter Rawlings. In the Othmer Library, visitors will be able to browse the richly illustrated 19th-century McLoughlin Brothers children's tales on view from the BHS collection.

In addition to free admission, Brooklyn Brewery beer, and programming throughout the evening, guests will enjoy browsing BHS' current exhibitions. These include: *Until Everyone Has It Made: Jackie Robinson's Legacy*, *Brooklyn Abolitionists/In Pursuit of Freedom*, *Truman Capote's Brooklyn: The Lost Photographs of David Attie*, *The Means of a Ready Escape: Brooklyn's Prospect Park*, and *Wise Eyes: Still Woke*, curated by BHS' 2017 Teen Council.

Tacky holiday sweaters welcome, but not required.

WHAT: Free Friday: *Winter Myths*

WHEN: Friday, December 15, 5-9pm

WHERE: Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont Street Brooklyn, NY 11201

INFO: <http://brooklynhistory.org/visitor/freefridays>

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. In May 2017 BHS opened a second site in DUMBO's Brooklyn Bridge Park.

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