

UPCOMING PUBLIC PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, MAY 20 AT 6:30 PM

GEORGE WASHINGTON ON LEADERSHIP

One man's struggles and successes 200 years ago can be a model for leaders today. At every stage of George Washington's career as an executive—as general, president, and tycoon—he had to deal with changing circumstances, from tobacco prices to geopolitics, and with wildly different classes of men, from frontiersmen to aristocrats. Two experts discuss how Washington maximized his strengths and overcame his flaws, and inspires us to do likewise.

Richard Brookhiser is a columnist for *TIME* magazine and senior editor of *National Review*. He is the author of *Founding Father: Rediscovering George Washington*. **Richard Snow** is the former editor-in-chief of *American Heritage Magazine* and the author of a novel about George Washington in the Trenton and Princeton campaigns.

THURSDAY, MAY 22 AT 6:30 PM

LINCOLN AND DOUGLAS: THE DEBATES THAT DEFINED AMERICA

In 1858, an obscure one-term congressman named Abraham Lincoln mounted a campaign for the United States Senate against the country's most formidable politician, Stephen A. Douglas. Lincoln confronted Douglas on the questions of slavery and the inviolability of the Union in seven fierce debates, and although Lincoln lost his Senate bid, he emerged as a predominant national figure, the leader of his party, and the man who would bear the burden of the national confrontation.

Allen C. Guelzo is the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era at Gettysburg College, where he also directs the Civil War Era Studies Program. He is the author of *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates that Defined America*. **Harold Holzer**, co-chairman of the U.S. Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, has authored, co-authored, or edited 30 books on Lincoln and the Civil War.

SATURDAY, MAY 24 AT 2 PM

LAFAYETTE GALLERY TALK

Lafayette is a figure that has always excited America's imagination, and this was never truer than when he returned to America in 1824. Cal Snyder tells the story of Lafayette's life through the art and memorabilia he inspired, from monuments and paintings to medals and paperweights, in this special walk through the galleries of French Founding Father: Lafayette's Return to Washington's America. Gallery tours are limited to 35 guests per tour.

Cal Snyder is the author of *Out of Fire and Valor: The War Memorials of New York City from the Revolution to 9/11*.

Full Price Ticket (Non-Members): \$15; Member Cost: \$8; Student/Senior/Educator Cost: \$10

To order tickets, call [SmartTix](http://www.smarttix.com) at 212-868-4444 or visit www.smarttix.com. Advance purchase is required to guarantee seating.

LIVING HISTORY DAYS

SATURDAY, MAY 17

2nd New York Provincial Battalion

Raised in 1775, the 2nd New York Provincial Battalion fought under Colonel Philip Van Cortlandt in all phases of the War for American Independence, from the invasion of Canada to the Battle of Yorktown. The re-enactment group was founded in 1971 by two families and is a member of the Brigade of the American Revolution. The regiment now boasts a diverse membership and participates in a variety of events, including battle reenactments, civic demonstrations, and shooting competitions.

SATURDAY, MAY 24 MEMORIAL DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

4th New York Regiment, 85ème Régiment de Saintonge, 35th Regiment of Foot (Royal Sussex Society) & John Koopman III as George Washington

Celebrate Memorial Day at N-YHS with a special program. Meet the pre-eminent founding father of the United States, **George Washington (John Koopman)**. Koopman entered the Revolutionary War re-enacting scene in 1998, and has had the opportunity to portray General Washington in several state and national parks. Also meet the **35th Regiment of Foot of the Royal Sussex Regimental Society**, an organization that "strives to recreate the life and times of the British soldiers, serving His Majesty King George III." Meet one of the original four regiments formed in Albany by the New York Provincial Congress in June 1775. The **4th New York Regiment** saw action in the Battle of Saratoga, Battle of Monmouth and the Sullivan Expedition. Finally, the **85ème Régiment de Saintonge** portrays one of the five regiments of the French army which joined the American forces under General Washington and made a critical contribution to the final defeat of the British Crown forces at Yorktown.

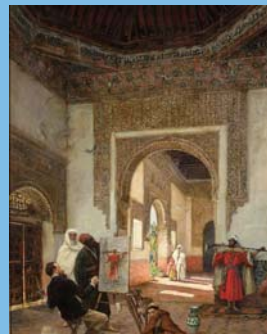
Living History Days are FREE with Admission; Children under 12 admitted FREE with an Adult

EXHIBITIONS

Woven Splendor

Dozens of dazzling rugs and textiles are the centerpiece of *Woven Splendor from Timbuktu to Tibet: Exotic Rugs and Textiles from New York Collectors*, a major N-YHS exhibition examining the history of the Oriental rug in New York and the story of the Hajji Baba Club—the nation's oldest and most prestigious rug collecting club.

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Raimondo de Madrazo y Garreta (Spanish, 1841–1920)
Moorish Interior
Oil on canvas
The Robert L. Stuart Collection, S-186

Allure of the East

To provide historical context for *Woven Splendor*, N-YHS has organized the companion exhibit, *Allure of the East: Orientalism in New York, 1850–1930*, examining the impact of New Yorkers' late 19th- and early 20th-century infatuation with the images, art and folklore of the Orient. Through paintings, photographs, decorative arts, costumes and souvenirs drawn almost entirely from the N-YHS collections—*Allure* explores Gotham's enduring fascination with the distant lands of the Middle East.

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Plague in Gotham! Cholera in Nineteenth-Century New York

Plague in Gotham! will examine the deadly epidemics of cholera that hit New York City, particularly the first in 1832, which killed thousands and highlighted deep divisions of class, race and religion. The exhibition will run through Nov 2 at N-YHS and is part of New York's first annual World Science Festival (www.world-sciencefest.org). www.nyhistory.org/cholera

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French Founding Father: Lafayette's Return to Washington's America

Military tactician. Diplomat. Aristocrat. Benefactor. France's Marquis de Lafayette came to the Americas to join the fight for independence in 1777 and went on to play a major role in George Washington's defeat of the British army. More than 40 years later, he returned on a 13-month tour of all 24 states, inspiring the American public in a uniquely galvanizing event in the early history of our nation.

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The Hudson River School at N-YHS

See a showcase of over 100 famous paintings by artists of the Hudson River School including Thomas Cole, Asher B. Durand, John F. Kensett, Jasper F. Cropsey, and Albert Bierstadt.

[HEAR AUDIO TOUR OF LINDA FERBER WITH JOHN UPDIKE](#)

SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR N-YHS MEMBERS

Sunday in the Park with George for only \$65!*



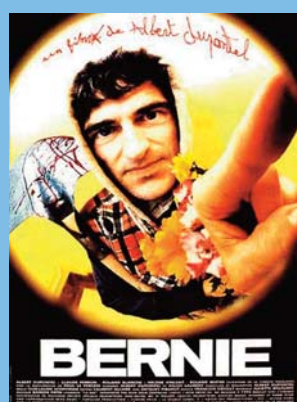
This critically acclaimed new production of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece has just received **5 OUTER CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD NOMINATIONS** and **7 DRAMA DESK AWARD NOMINATIONS**, including **BEST MUSICAL REVIVAL!**

Experience the magic of the new smash-hit Broadway production! **Now playing at Studio 54 through June 29 only!**

For tickets, visit RoundaboutTheatre.org or call 212-719-1300 and use code SP65D.

LET THEM EAT CAKE film nights

Join us for French films on Friday nights, courtesy of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. Films will be shown **FREE** on select Fridays in May and June at 6 PM: 5/16, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13 and 6/20.



MAY 16: We will show the comedy *Bernie* (1996) written and directed by Albert DuPontel.

MAY 30: Join us for *Wesh wesh, qu'est-ce qui se passe?* (2001) written and directed by Rabah Ameur-Zaïmeche

