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BHS Launches Brooklyn Bridge Anniversary Events With Student-Curated Exhibit

Brooklyn, NY – 2008 marks the 125th anniversary of the Brooklyn Bridge. The Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS), in partnership with the Brooklyn Borough President's Office, the New York City Mayor's Office, and NYC & Company, New York City's official tourism, partnership and marketing organization will be host a series of lively events to commemorate this anniversary and celebrate the Brooklyn Bridge as an enduring city landmark and a feat of modern architecture.

BHS kicks off the festivities on Wednesday, May 21 with the opening of *Suspended Over Time*, an exhibit curated by high school students who participate in an after-school program called Exhibition Laboratory.

WHAT: Exhibit Opening – *Suspended Over Time: Brooklyn Bridge 125th Anniversary Celebration*

The "Ex Lab" after-school program of the Brooklyn Historical Society invites you to join us in celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Brooklyn Bridge. Curated by a group of high school students, the exhibition offers unique perspectives of the bridge both past and present. Paintings, photographs, artifacts and unique interviews conducted by the students, reveal the impact the Brooklyn Bridge has on our lives and how it continues to inspire us. **Exhibit dates:** May 21 – Sept. 28, 2008.

WHO: 14 high school students from Brooklyn Technical High School, Cobble Hill High School of American Studies, The Packer Collegiate Institute and Saint Ann's School have spent the semester learning the skills of curating an exhibition. Students met weekly at Brooklyn Historical Society to research the collection, work with museum professionals and explore primary sources in order to curate an exhibit in celebration of the bridge.

WHEN: Opening - Wednesday, May 21, 2008; 5:30 – 7:30pm. FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WHERE: Brooklyn Historical Society
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Exhibition Laboratory, an after-school program, is made possible through the generous funding of Timothy Bradley and Martha A. & Robert S. Rubin. Additional funding from Astoria Federal Savings.

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More Brooklyn Bridge 125th Anniversary Celebration Events at BHS

May 24, Saturday

Lectures and Readings

1:00 p.m. Dave Frieder aka "Dave the Bridge Man"
Lecture: The Great East River Suspension Bridge
Presented by Brooklyn Borough Hall

2:00 p.m. Lynn Curlee, author of *Brooklyn Bridge*
Children's Reading: *Brooklyn Bridge*
Presented by the Brooklyn Book Festival

3p.m. Phil Bildner, author of *Twenty-One Elephants*
Children's Reading: *Twenty-One Elephants*
Presented by the Brooklyn Book Festival

4:00 p.m. John Stern and Carrie Wilson
Lecture: the Beauty of the Brooklyn Bridge
Presented by the Aesthetic Realism Foundation

May 25, Sunday

Lectures and Readings

1:00 p.m. Raymond "Paul" Giroux
Lecture: Building the Bridge
Presented by American Society of Civil Engineers

2:00 p.m. Clifford Zink
Lecture: The Roebling Legacy
Presented by the Roebling Chapter of the Society for Industrial Archaeology

3:00 p.m. Richard Haw, author of *Art of the Brooklyn Bridge: A Visual History*
Lecture: Art of the Brooklyn Bridge
Presented by Brooklyn Borough Hall

Celebrate the 125th Birthday of the historic Brooklyn Bridge with a film festival, cultural events and special activities across the city and – of course – in Brooklyn Bridge Park! Visit www.nycvisit.com/bb125 for periodic updates and a calendar of events. (Site goes live Monday)

The mission of the Brooklyn Historical Society is to connect the past to the present and make the vibrant history of Brooklyn tangible, relevant, and meaningful for today's diverse communities, and for generations to come. Founded in 1863, BHS is a nationally recognized urban history center, comprised of a museum; scholarly research library; and educational center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history.

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