

BRONX RIVER ART CENTER PRESENTS  
 THE 20TH ANNUAL BRONX RIVER SOUNDS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL  
**ROOTS OF RHYTHMS: CELEBRATING  
 OUR CARIBBEAN DIVERSITY**

**Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30pm. June 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24**  
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**June 2, 7:30pm Aljam and the Reggaelution: Roots, Rock and Reggae**  
 Aljam and his "Roots Rock Reggae Reggaelution" band guarantee you that "Reggae on the beach in Jamaica flava". The band was featured in the hit Off-Broadway reggae play "Driving On The Left Side" featuring their song "Don't Give Up" by Blackbird Prod.

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**June 3, 7:30pm Elio Villafranca Sextet: Cuban Jazz**  
 Elio Villafranca is a two-time Grammy nominee for best Latin Jazz Album and a 2021 Guggenheim fellowship awardee. Born in the Province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, he is a composer, pianist and bandleader fusing classical and Jazz with music from the African diaspora.

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**June 9, 7:30pm Santi Debriano and Akestra Bembe: Panamanian Jazz**  
 Santi Debriano is acclaimed as one of the most interesting and original voices on the international jazz scene today. Hi will be playing his original Panamanian Jazz compositions with his band, Arkestra Bembe, with five horns and four rhythm section

**June 10, 7:30pm Valtinho Anastacio: Brazilian Jazz**  
 Valtinho Anastacio is an international percussionist and vocalist who creates, teaches, and performs powerful and metaphorically expressive "Brazilian Jazz" music. Many people describe him as "just like a jewelry box filled with magical sounds".

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**June 16, 7:30pm Victor Santos and y Ocho con Clave: East Harlem Salsa**  
 Bronx native Victor Santos has been one of the most sought-after keyboard players, arrangers, and band leaders of the Latin music genre. He will be performing with "Ocho Con Clave", a Bronx/East Harlem "Old School Salsa" band reminiscent of "back in the day" house parties.

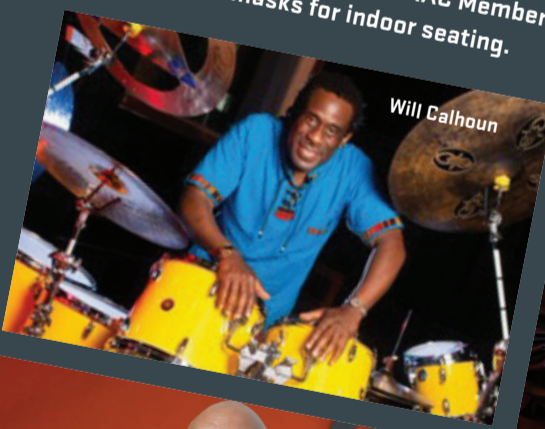
**June 17, 7:30pm Will Calhoun and Euphonious Ensemble: Afro Futurism Jazz**  
 Drummer Will Calhoun is a Bronx Born two-time Grammy winner from the iconic genre bending Rock band LIVING COLOUR. Will fearlessly blends African sounds with urban grooves, a bit of Jazz and a pinch of electronica.

**June 23, 7:30pm Kinto Zonó: Bomba y Plena**  
 Kinto Zonó, is an explosive 11 piece ensemble of Bomba y Plena music under the direction of Nelson "Mateo" Gonzalez, with Jorge "Georgie" Vazquez, and George "Nate" Velasquez. They will bring the sounds of Puerto Rico with a modern twist and a New York style.

**June 24, 7:30pm Yacouba Sissoko: Kora Music of Mali**  
 Yacouba Sissoko is a Master Kora player, born in Kita, Mali to a well-known Djely family who have been traditional musicians and keepers of the history and fables of past rulers. Yacouba seeks to expand awareness of West African culture and world peace.

**Tickets are by reservation at [bracbx.eventbrite.com](http://bracbx.eventbrite.com). Tickets at the door by availability only for limited capacity.**  
 Admission: Indoor concert seating – Adults \$20; Seniors \$15; Students \$10; Garden Terrace seating (with Live streaming) \$8.00. 10% Discounts for BRAC Members and registered students; Live Streaming on YouTube \$5.00. BRAC's Covid protocol suggest vaccination and masks for indoor seating.

The 2023 Bronx River Sounds Performing Arts Festival is co-produced by Will Calhoun, Ron West and BRAC's ED, Gail Nathan. It is supported by a New York City Coalition of Theaters of Color Council Initiative.



Will Calhoun



Elio Villafranca



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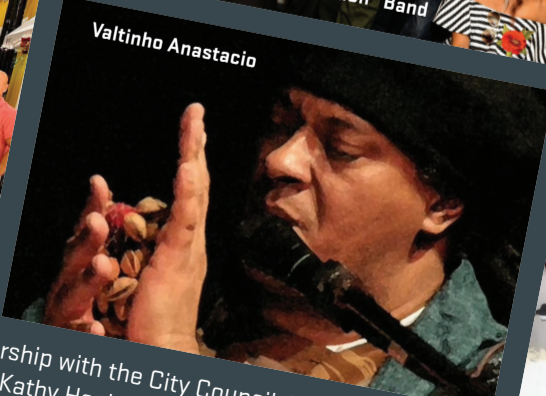
Yacouba



Santi DeBriano and his "Akestra Bembe" Panamanian Jazz



Kinto Zonó



Valtinho Anastacio



Victor Santos

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