

Museum Mile Festival

Fifth Avenue, New York City
6-9 pm, Tuesday, June 3rd, 2008
Trip Leader: Jerry Hoffman

What:

All the museums on Fifth Ave, from 82nd to 104th St. will be open and FREE, with the street closed to vehicle traffic.

- street performers
- musical groups...Klezmer, Jazz, etc
- thousands of people.
- many photo-ops

When:

Tuesday, June 3rd, 6:00 till 9:00PM, Rain or shine

Meet:

SE Corner of 86th Street and Fifth Avenue, at the "Neue Museum", at 5:45 PM. (Meeting early, to beat the crowds and, hopefully, get into the museums of your choice). If that is too early, feel free to come anytime, and to wander freely on your own, as it is a fascinating event!

Details:

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The annual Museum Mile Festival traditionally takes place early in June from 6-9pm. In the past two decades, well over one million people have taken part in this annual celebration. Festival attendees can walk the Mile from 82nd Street to 104th Street and visit nine of New York City's finest cultural institutions open free that evening to the public. Several of the participating museums will offer outdoor art activities for children.

This year's opening ceremony will be hosted by the director of the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution, and will take place at 5:45pm in their Garden at 91st Street.

Fifth Avenue will be closed to traffic and become a strollers' haven. Special exhibitions and works from permanent collections will be on view inside the institutions and live music from jazz to Broadway tunes to string quartets will be featured in front of each museum. Additional street entertainers will perform along Fifth Avenue all evening. Established in 1978 to increase public awareness of its member institutions and promote public support of the arts, the festival has served as a model for similar events across the country. For further information, the public may call at 212-606-2296 or contact the museums below. The current website for [The Museum Mile Festival](#).

These are the museums along *Museum Mile* :

[El Museo del Barrio](#) at 104th Street

[Museum of the City of New York](#) at 103rd Street

[International Center of Photography](#) at 94th Street

[Jewish Museum](#) at 92nd Street

[Cooper-Hewitt National Museum of Design](#) at 91st Street

[National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts](#) at 89th Street

[Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum](#) at 88th Street

[Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) from 82-86 Street

[Goethe House German Cultural Center](#) at 82nd Street