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EARTH CELEBRATIONS: HUDSON RIVER PAGEANT

ECOLOGICAL PERFORMANCE ART EVENT FEATURING:

PARADE OF GIANT PUPPETS & SPECTACULAR COSTUMES

TO RESTORE THE HUDSON RIVER & ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

OYSTER GARDEN PLANTING, DANCE OF RIVER GRASSES, LIVE FISH RELEASE

RIVER CLEANSING CEREMONY & WATER DANCE OF BOATS

DOWNTOWN SECTION OF THE HUDSON RIVER PARK- NEW YORK CITY 1-6PM

On **Saturday, May 9, 2009** (raindate: Sunday, May 10), Earth Celebrations, in partnership with Manhattan Youth Downtown Community Center, launches its new **Earth Celebrations: Hudson River Pageant** to restore the Hudson River and address climate change in New York City. 2009, is also the 400th Anniversary of Henry Hudson's and Samuel de Champlain's, exploratory voyage in 1609, which will be featured as part of the pageant's celebration of the Hudson River's history.

This ecological parade and performance art event is directed by theatrical pageant director, **Felicia Young, Founder/Director of Earth Celebrations** and the creator of the Rites of Spring: Procession to Save Our Gardens for 15 years in the East Village. The new Hudson River Pageant features a magnificent parade of giant 15-foot river species puppets, spectacular costumes representing oysters, seahorses, blue crabs, wetlands, river grasses, and over 70 species of local fish. The river species will dance their way from Tribeca through Greenwich Village along the waterfront lead by New York City's popular **Hungry March Band** and the Afro-Dominican **Kalunga Neg Mawon Band**, and a conch shell chorus. Music, dance, performances, songs, and poetry, including an **Oyster Garden Planting Ceremony, Live Fish Release, River Cleansing Ceremony**, and a **Water Dance of Boats**, highlighting the river, and its' species, habitats, and issues, are presented at the various piers and significant sites along the parade route, from Manhattan Youth on Warren Street to Gansevoort Street, in the downtown portion of the Hudson River Park from 1-6pm.

The spectacular **Water Dance of Boats & Harmonic Chant Concert** closing ceremony combines on-the-river boat choreography by the Bessie award-winning **Alice Farley**, and **David Hykes** and the over-the-river concert world premiere of "River Goddess Flowing" by renowned composer-singer with **The Harmonic Choir**. The choreography includes 30-foot rowboats festooned with spectacular marine-life sculptures and costumed kayaks performing a dance movement on the water. Boat participants include: Village Community Boathouse, Downtown Boathouse & The Harbor School. **Urban Shaman, Donna Henes** performs a River Blessing and leads participants in a release of Floating Offerings. Pageant finale features, **Jose Conde** performing his afro-cuban funk song "Ride La Ola", honoring the earth and water.

The pageant is a magnificent creation of art, performance and community engagement to honor and restore the Hudson and address climate change. Children and community people have worked with Earth Celebrations Artists-in Residence, **Michele Brody, Chris Rumery, Lucrecia Novoa, Spica Wobbe, Janet Morgan, Katherine Freygang**, and **Becky Hubbert** for many months to create the costumes and puppets, through our educational environmental art workshops at Manhattan Youth. **The World Financial Center** has join as a partner and is exhibiting the growing of **Michele Brody's River Grass Skirts, in the Winter Garden from April 13 – May 9th**, encompassing the time period of Earth Day/ Earth Week (April 22nd). The visually dramatic growing of the skirts with embedded native grass seeds on a copper pipe armature with drip irrigation system, is a living and changing artwork over several weeks. When they have grown, they are worn by dancers as the "River Grass" in the pageant.

PARTICIPATING PARTNERS: Manhattan Youth Downtown Community Center (Producing Partner), The Hudson River Park Trust (Sponsor), The River Project, Friends of Hudson River Park, The Village Community Boathouse, Downtown Boathouse, New York Harbor School, New York Kayak Company, LIC Community Boathouse, P3-Pier Park and Playground Association, Solar One, LES Ecology Center, We, theWorld, World Financial Center, Henry Street Settlement/ Abrons Arts Center, Boys and Girls Republic, Poets House, Church Street School for Music & Art, Friends of Washington Square Park, Washington Market Park, Friends of Bleeker Playground, One Brick, NY Cares, CB1, Americorps, PS234, PS150, PS89, School at Columbia, Stuyvesant High School, NYU, Scenic Hudson, Riverkeeper, and Clearwater.

This program is made possible in part by: The Fund For Creative Communities supported by New York State Council on the Arts and administered by Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, The Hudson River Park Trust, Mertz-Gilmore Foundation, Howard Bayne Fund, The Hudson River Improvement Fund of the Hudson River Foundation, Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, Colgate-Palmolive, Eileen Fisher, Manhattan

HUDSON RIVER PAGEANT HIGHLIGHTS:

Visuals for the Pageant Include:

A Floating River of paper mache aquatic plant and animal species, and a school of Hudson River fish, created by community children from local schools and community centers.

Giant River Species Puppets- such as Seahorses, Oysters, Toadfish, and Lions Mane Jelly.

Spectacular Costumes- Marine Species, Grasses, Wetlands, Recyclers, Trash Tricksters, and Elemental Energy Spirits of Wind, Solar, Tidal and Geo-Thermal.

Frozen Sculpture of the Glaciers, made of frozen river water, colored with natural pigments extracted from fruits, vegetable, and plants. It rides on a cart throughout the parade, and drips its pigments from the earth, onto a canvas covering and melts back into the river for the closing ceremony.

A Roving River of Historic Ships that voyaged on the Hudson. Including the Clermont, Robert Fulton's first steamship launched from the Christopher St. Pier in 1807, Henry Hudson's Half Moon, to the recent "Miracle on the Hudson", Flight 1549.. The Roving River engages a school group to create, cardboard ship hats and river robes, that link to each other, forming the Roving River.

Recycled River Maidens by Becky Hubbert , costume designer. These spectacular costumes encrusted with minnows and sea creatures, include skirt bustles made of debris and trash collected from the river, which are offered to the Department of Sanitation for recycling for the closing performance.

Stewards of the River Robes designed by artist Janet Morgan with Katie Freygang. The robes featuring the Hudson River species were created through workshops with children from Henry Street Settlement and PS89 using natural paints made from fruits, vegetables, and plants. The robes are offered to representatives of the various river organizations to wear in the pageant.

Pageant Performance Highlights Include:

Alice Farley's Water Dance of Boats- The Bessie Award winning dancer/costume designer features a choreographed dance of kayaks, canoes, and rowboats.

David Hykes' Harmonic River Chant- "River Goddess Flowing," one of the earliest modern western pioneers of overtone singing, performing with his Harmonic Choir

Karl H. Purnell, Author playwright and founder of the National Historic Theater's theatrical vignette staged on the bow of a boat, highlighting the Quardicentennial of the exploratory voyage of Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain,1609.

Yana Schnitzler's Human Kinetics Movement Arts-Dance of the River Grass performance, set among the grass mounds on the Hudson near Laight Street.

Gergori Czerkinsky's Fish Sound Symphony-Soudscape- Original music for the Fish Symphony incorporating the sound of fish recorded in the Hudson River off Lower Manhattan.

Oyster Garden Planting Ceremony - a performance planting live oysters into the river.

Live Fish Release with Lower East Side Ecology Center & Hudson River Park Trust. Children invited to participate in fish release costumed as mermaids & sea/river creatures.

Floating Offerings to the River by Donna Henes-Urban Shaman.

River Cleansing & Recycling Ritual-a Recycling Performance Ritual, featuring participants in actual river clean-up on the shoreline.

Hungry March Band-New York City's popular brass parade band.

Kalunga Neg Mawon- African Domincian Bamboo flute parade band and conch chorus.

Jose Conde- Singer, Songwriter and Composer performing his Afro-Cuban Funk song "Ride la Ola"

Closing River Cleansing Ceremony-A choreographed movement and actual river cleansing is enacted, while **Recycled River Maidens** offer their skirts made of debris and trash collected from the river for Recycling.

**THE PAGEANT IS FREE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED & FOR MORE INFORMATION (212)777-7969
You can view our website: www.earthcelebrations.com**

HUDSON RIVER PAGEANT: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

1pm: River Spirits Initiation - Parade Start:

(Meet: 120 Warren Street bet. Greenwich & the River-1 blk below Chambers)

(BEST PHOTO OPPORTUNITY) 15-foot giant river species puppets and spectacular costumed gardens spirits kick off parade.

2:15pm: Dance of the River Grasses:

(Grass Mounds-in the Hudson River Park-bet. Laight & Vestry St.)

Dance of the River Grasses performed on the undulating grass mounds featuring **Human Kinetic Movement Arts** Dancers-by Choreographer **Yana Schnitzler** with music by Ev Mann.

3:30pm: Exploratory Voyage of Henry Hudson-Theatrical Vignette

(Queen of Hearts Boat @ Leroy St in the Hudson River Park-just below Christopher St.)

Theatrical vignette presented by **Karl Purnell's National Historic Theater** to highlight the Quadricentennial of Henry Hudson's exploratory voyage of 1609, staged on the bow of the Queen of Hearts River Boat-performance viewed from the promenade.

3:45pm: Oyster Garden Planting Ceremony:

(Christopher Street Pier-water taxi dock, in the Hudson River Park)

A performance/ceremony with the **River Project**- planting live oysters into the river accompanied by a conch shell chorus.

4:15pm: Live Fish Release!

(Charles Street Pier in The Hudson River Park)

with Lower East Side Ecology Center & Hudson River Park Trust.

Children invited to participate in live fish release with original music and river songs by Jules Cazdessus and Ray Korona.

NOTE: For children to participate please arrive 3:30pm-to check in table.

Children can show up in their own costumes as mermaids & sea/river creatures.

5pm: Water Dance of Boats, River Cleansing, & Harmonic Chant Concert

(Bet. Children's Water Playground at Jane St. & Gansevoort St. Sanitation Pier)

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@ Laight Street in the Hudson River Park.

Poets House presents a River Poem

Stewards of the River Ceremony with Manhattan Youth Downtown Community Center

2:15pm - Dance of the River Grasses

@ Grass Mounds-in the Hudson River Park-bet. Laight & Vestry St.

Dance of the River Grass performed on the undulating grass mounds featuring Human Kinetics Movement Arts Dancers-by Choreographer Yana Schnitzler with music by Ev Mann.

2:30pm - Choir River Song

Pier 32 Pile Field @Watts St -in the Hudson River Park

Performed by Church Street School of Music & Art Choir

Stewards of the River Ceremony with Solar One

2:45pm-Historical River Poem

@Canal Street-in the Hudson River Park by poet Marcia Newfield.

3pm-Boat House Performance

@South Side Pier 40-below Houston St. with New York Kayak Company.

3:15pm - Pier 40 Performance

@ Pier 40 near Houston St. in the Hudson River Park

Ceremony with Pier, Park, Playground Association

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A performance/ceremony with the River Project planting live oysters into the river.

Stewards of the River Ceremony with the River Project.

4pm – Taming of the Trash Tricksters & River Cleansing

@ Bow Notch-semi circle bridge-10th St in the Hudson River Park.

A scene from Naomi Tessler's play, *Water's Song: a Play that Sings out for Sustainable Change*, that addresses the issue of Water Pollution.

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4:45pm - River Ceremony & Honoring of the Lenape Indians

@ Pier 49 Semi-Circle Bridge Over Water @Bank St.

Featuring Silver Cloud Singers- Native American performance.

Stewards of the River Ceremony with Riverkeeper, Clearwater and Scenic Hudson

5pm - Water Dance of Boats, River Cleansing, & Harmonic Chant Concert

@ area bet. Children's Water Playground at Jane St. & Gansevoort St. Pier.

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EARTH CELEBRATIONS

Earth Celebrations was founded in 1991 by theatrical pageant director, Felicia Young, as a not-for-profit 501c3 organization in New York City, dedicated to fostering ecological awareness and reviving the arts at the center of community life. Earth Celebrations innovative environmental and arts programs include: theatrical pageants, exhibitions, performances, art & ecology/puppet & costume workshops, internships, artist residencies, and partnerships with schools, community centers, and gardens. For 15 years Earth Celebrations produced the popular Rites of Spring: Garden Pageant and Winter Pageant on the Lower East Side, which engaged over 5,000 participants annually, and led to the preservation of many of the community gardens on the Lower East Side and throughout New York City.

Felicia Young- Founder/Director, Earth Celebrations

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Earth Celebrations Hudson River Pageant Conceived, Produced and Directed by

Felicia Young: Felicia Young is a community cultural development artist and theatrical pageant director. In addition to Founding and Directing of Earth Celebrations Since 1991, she has produced large-scale environmental and cultural events for the past 20 years for numerous organizations including: The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation(Special Events/Greenthumb), the Alternative Museum, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, The Open Center, St. John the Divine, Independent Friends of McCarren Park, New Wilderness Foundation, and Earth Day New York. She is the Founder of the first Ecofest event for the New York City Parks Department in 1989, and the Trash Monster (1990-1995), for Earth Day New York, The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, The World Trade Center, and Port Authority of New York/NJ.

She has a BA in Art History from Skidmore College, 1987, and a MA degree in Performance Studies from New York University, 1994. <http://www.earthcelebrations.com>.

ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE / WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS/VISUAL ARTS BIOS:

Lucrecia Novoa: Artist-in-Residence/Puppet Workshop-Hudson River Estuary, Oyster, Fish, Blue Crab, Sea Horse: Lucrecia Novoa conducts the puppet workshops for teen and adults, March - May. She is an experienced mask-maker, puppet builder, performer, and arts instructor, who has featured received numerous awards and residencies in New York City and Chile. She has an MA from Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, 1983-1988, and a BA in Fine Arts from University of Chile, Santiago, Chile. She conducts mask-/puppet workshops through Studio in a School, New York City; Edison School, Portchester, NY; Carver Center, RAIN and SEBCO Senior Centers. Exhibitions include: Latin Views Exhibit, Alexey von Schlippe Gallery of Art, University of Ct (2008), and Material Culture Exhibit, Longwood Art Gallery, Hostos College, Bronx, NY (2007). <http://www.lucrecianovoa.spaces.live.com>

Spica Wobbe (Shu-yun Cheng): Artist-in-Residence / Puppet Workshop-Jelly Fish Puppet & Hudson River Water Nymph Costume: Spica Wobbe (Shu-yun Cheng) is an independent puppetry artist from Taiwan. She worked with Shiny Shoes Children's Theater in Taiwan since 1991 as a producer, writer, designer and puppeteer. Her work has been seen in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Germany, and Holland. Now based in NYC, she is also a teaching artist for New Victory Theatre. She has worked and studied with master puppeteers Damiet van Dalsum (Holland), Albrecht Roser (Germany), Peter Schumann and Ralph Lee (U.S.) <http://www.spicawobe.com>

Michele Brody: Artist In-Residence/ Costume Workshop: Costumes-River Grass Skirts, Elemental Energies, Oyster, Oyster Toadfish, and the Diamond Back Terrapin: Michele Brody, will work with our participants to create a series of river grasses skirts, and living/growing costumes. Her work includes public art, ephemeral installations, and living sculptures, with glass, concrete, steel, copper pipe, fabric, hand-made paper, light, water, and growing plants. Michele has had one-person shows in Germany, Costa Rica, and France. She received grants from the Pollack Krasner Foundation, New York Foundation for the Arts, New York State Council on the Arts. In the Spring of 2006 she completed 2 permanent public installations in the Bronx, for the MTA Arts for Transit Program and through the Public Arts for Public Schools Program. She has a BA from Sarah Lawrence College 1989 and an MFA from the Arts Institute of Chicago in 1994. <http://www.michelebrody.com>

Chris Rumery: Artist In-Residence/ Costume Workshop: Costumes-Recyclers & Trash Tricksters: Chris Rumery is a New York based costume designer for stage and film. She graduated with her MFA for costume design from NYU Tisch. In the spring of 2008, she spent 4 months traveling around Taiwan working in various cities and remote villages on parades, and loved the experience.

Janet Morgan: Artist-in-Residence/ Stewards of the River Robes: Janet Morgan has been artist-in-residence in Death Valley National Park, Weir Farm National History Site in Connecticut, and the Omega Institute in New York. She worked for 18 years as an Expressive Arts Therapist at Sloan Kettering with adult cancer patients, and is now a full time artist. She has exhibited at the Kyrgyzstan National Museum of Art in Central Asia, the Microcosm Gallery in New York City, the Tabla Rasa Gallery and the Williamsburg Art & Historical Center in Brooklyn. Her art has been on stage at Omega's Women and Power Conference and in the Kostume Kult Theme Camp at the Burning Man Festival. She has just completed a children's book called Welcome to Death Valley <http://www.janetmorgan.net>.

Katherine Freygang: Artist-in-Residence /Banners: Katherine Freygang studies and celebrates ecological relationships in art, events, exhibition design, architecture, and poetry. She works as an activist/educator in Connecticut and an artist/designer in New York; and is currently developing projects with Connecticut Innovations, Clean Water Action, Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University, Rhode Island School of Design, Connecticut's UCC Congregational Environmental Ministry Team, Cornwall Energy Task Force, and Earth Celebrations.

Becky Hubbert: Artist-in-Residence/Recycled River Maiden Costumes: Becky Hubbert is a professional costume designer and stylist for theatre, film and television who lives and works in New York City. She is a member of the Francis Ethel Gumm Memorial Player

PERFORMANCES AND BIOS

***A Hudson River Poem, Poets House:* 2pm**

Members of Poets House Class held at Manhattan Youth Downtown Community Center present a collaborative poem on the river and ecology.

Bio: Poets House is a national poetry library and literary center that invites poets and the public to step into the living tradition of poetry. Their poetry resources and literary events document the wealth and diversity of modern poetry, and stimulate public dialogue on issues of poetry in culture.

<http://www.poetshouse.org/about.htm>

***Dance of the River Grass, Human Kinetics Movement Arts:* 2:15pm**

Four dancers embedded in and melting into the environment of the banks of the Hudson River, represent river grass. These plants symbolize protection and nourishing as they stabilize watery grounds and are a breeding habitat for animals. The costume fabric of native grass cuttings woven into a natural net-like material was specially developed for this performance. Concept and choreography: Yana Schnitzler, Human Kinetics. Performers: Elisama Colon, Grace Eichinger, Stephanie Hyland, Masumi Kishimoto, Yana Schnitzler. Costumes: Yana Schnitzler.

Bio: Human Kinetics Movement Arts creates site-specific movement installations. Blending dance and visual arts. Our goal is to transform the environment in such a way that the audience becomes sensitized to new possibilities of perception and meaning. www.humankinetics.org

***Choir River Song, Church Street School for Music and Art Choristers:* 2:30pm**

Church Street School for Music and Art Choristers, in partnership with Trinity Wall Street Choristers, will present songs in celebration of Mother Earth. Church Street School art students will also create costumes using sustainable material to enhance the choristers! performance.

Bio: Church Street School for Music & Art is the only not-for-profit school for the arts in Lower Manhattan serving as a community center supporting a diverse audience with affordable arts programming. Our process oriented approach facilitates art and music education through skill building and development of technique in performance. www.churchstreetschool.org

***Exploratory Voyage of Henry Hudson, National Historic Theatre, Karl Purnell:* 3:30pm**

The National Historic Theater will present a Theatrical vignette to highlight the Quadricentennial of Henry Hudson's and Samuel de Champlain's exploratory voyage of 1609, directed by Karl Purnell.

Bio: The National Historic Theater produces historic musical and plays for presentation throughout the United States. It is currently offering its musical, Miss Chase, Mr. Lincoln, in honor of the Lincoln Bicentennial, to theaters in Philadelphia, Washington and New York. <http://nationalhistorictheater.com>

***Oyster Garden Planting Ceremony, with Shino Tanikawa and the River Project:* 3:45pm**

Bio: The River Project works to protect and restore the ecosystem of the Hudson River estuary through scientific research, hands-on environmental education, and urban habitat improvement.

<http://www.riverproject.org>

***Taming of the Trash Tricksters, A scene from Naomi Tessler's Play Water's Song: a Play that Sings out for Sustainable Change:* 4pm**

Katie Issel, Ariel Burke and Liz Wexler will perform a scene addressing the issue of water pollution from the play *Water's Song: a Play that Sings Out for sustainable Change* written and directed by Naomi Tessler.

Bio: *Water's Song: a Play that Sings Out for sustainable Change* written by Playwright, Director, and dramatic water workshop facilitator, Naomi Tessler, addresses world water issues and the need to take action as a global community to find resolutions for the world's growing water crises.

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***Live Fish Release with Hudson River Park Trust & Original River Songs, by Jules Cazdessus & Ray Korona:* 4:15pm Hudson River Park Trust: <http://www.hudsonriverpark.org>**

Jules Cazdessus the "enviro Siren" sings her new song, "One River" on dulcimer. **Bio:** Jules Cazdedessus is a singer/songwriter, screenwriter and love-letter writer living in New York City. As EnviroSiren (her creative alter-ego) she appeared at a side event of the World Summit on Sustainable Development PrepCom II at the United Nations in 2002, where she debuted her original song about rising ocean waters, Sink or Swim www.myspace.com/myjulesbox.

Ray Korona writes stirring songs about working, the environment, fighting the system and homelessness along with heartfelt songs of love, friendship and peace. <http://www.raykorona.com>

Honoring of the Lenape Indians, Silver Cloud Singers: 4:45pm

The Silver Cloud Singers, an intertribal Native American singing & dance troupe weaving the traditional with the contemporary of Native song & dance will perform a song and dance piece to honor the River.

Bio: The Silver Cloud Singers are an intertribal Native American singing & dance troupe weaving the traditional with the contemporary of Native song & dance. Silver Cloud has been honored to perform at the Year of the Indigenous People's at the United Nations, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, The Public Theater, among other venues. <http://www.silvercloudsingers.com/>

Water Dance of Boats, Choreographed and Designed by Alice Farley: 5pm

The Bessie Award winning dancer/costume designer features a choreographed dance of kayaks, canoes, and rowboats festooned with giant elemental river puppet-masks. Boat participants include: The Downtown Boathouse, Village Community Boathouse, New York Kayak Company, and The New York Harbor School Alice Farley dance Theater creates theatrical productions, dance extended through sculptural costuming, illusion, puppetry, stilts and circus skills. Outdoors they create imaginary landscapes for public spaces. They have performed for World Financial Center, The Whitney Museum, The Smithsonian, Lincoln Center, The Henson International Festival of Puppet Theater as well as festivals around the world. <http://www.alicefarleydancetheater.com/>

Harmonic Chant Concert, David Hykes and the Harmonic Choir: 5pm

David Hykes, award-winning composer-singer, film composer and pioneer of overtone singing will perform a River Chant, "River Goddess Flowing" with his Harmonic Choir.

Bio: 3-time National Endowment of the Arts award-winning composer-singer David Hykes, renowned founder of the global sacred music called Harmonic Chant, gives the world premier performance of "River Goddess Flowing," performing with members of his group, The Harmonic Choir. David Hykes has collaborated with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, conducted public Harmonic Meetings in New York with as many as 800,000 people, and was Artist-in-Residence for a decade at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine. <http://www.harmonicpresence.org>.

Water Dance of Boats-Fish Sound Symphony -Soundscape, Gregori Czerkinsky: 5pm

Formerly a member of the popular French band Mikado, (Gregori) Czerkinsky, with his romantic sensitivity, has risen to the upper echelon of French pop music. Czerkinsky's music blends the pop traditions of his homeland with diverse global influences. Czerkinsky was featured on the soundtrack to Marois' "Live Virgin: There's a Time for Everything", and in 2001-released the album "Club". <http://www.last.fm/music/Czerkinsky>

"Ride la Ola" Song for the River & the Earth, Jose Conde: 5:30pm

Jose Conde, Singer, Songwriter and Composer will perform his Afro-Cuban Funk song "Ride la Ola" honoring the Earth and Water from his new CD, *Ola Fresca* for the pageant finale.

Bio: Jose Conde glides the line between Latin heritage and American storyteller traditions sliding poetically from universal themes of nature's beauty to personal expressions of romantic longing and loss as well as a personal commitment to nonviolence, and preservation of the Earth. Conde who has been featured in international compilations by Putumayo and Rough Guide, and two critically acclaimed albums with his group Ola Fresca, is working this summer on new solo Latin funk pop fusion production of new songs inspired by nature and love which he plans to release in Spring 2010.

<http://www.myspace.com/josecondemusic>

Parade Band, Hungry March Band:

Bio: The Hungry March Band, NYC's legendary street brass march band has earned a reputation for mythical revelry, having performed at a huge variety of fine venues including: MOMA, Lincoln Center, the Mermaid and Halloween Parade, as well as Earth celebrations garden pageants. Their musical repertoire consists of original compositions written by band members as well as scores selected from our multi-cultural world community. <http://www.hungrymarchband.com>

Parade Band, Grupo Kalunga Neg Mawon:

Grupo Kalunga Neg Mawon band, playing bamboo flutes, performing the Haitian and Dominican processional phenomenon known as "Rara" in the Republic of Ayiti (Haiti) and "Gaga" in the Dominican Republic. It originated with the Haitian maroons who escaped the hardships of enslavement and sought refuge in the mountains of the colony then known as San Domingo/Saint Domingue .

Bio: Grupo Kalunga Neg Mawon is a musical dance ensemble that consists of members who have spent most of their lives researching and studying African culture in the Americas. Their aim is to preserve aspects of African tradition and identity existing in Quisqueya- Ayiti, known today as the Dominican Republic and The Republic of Haiti. <http://www.myspace.com/grupokalunga>

