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Louis Armstrong House Museum

# THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM

Year in Review  
2023



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# PRESERVING THE LEGACY

## Guided Tours

Today, the Armstrong home in the multi-racial, working-class neighborhood of Corona, Queens is open to the public, offering guided tours in multiple languages.

## Armstrong Archives

The Louis Armstrong Archives are accessible in person at the new Armstrong Center. We offer in-person archival tours with museum staff and virtual exhibits with detailed stories from the archives. The digital collections are accessible to the public online through our website at all times.

## Here to Stay

The new multimedia exhibit, Here to Stay, curated by jazz pianist and MacArthur Genius, Jason Moran utilizes the Armstrong archives to tell a dynamic story.

## Listening Parties

In addition to the archival tours, we organize listening parties where we spin Louis Armstrong Classic 78s in the Jazz room and invite guests to also bring their own and share insights with our archival experts.



# ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE

## Armstrong Now!

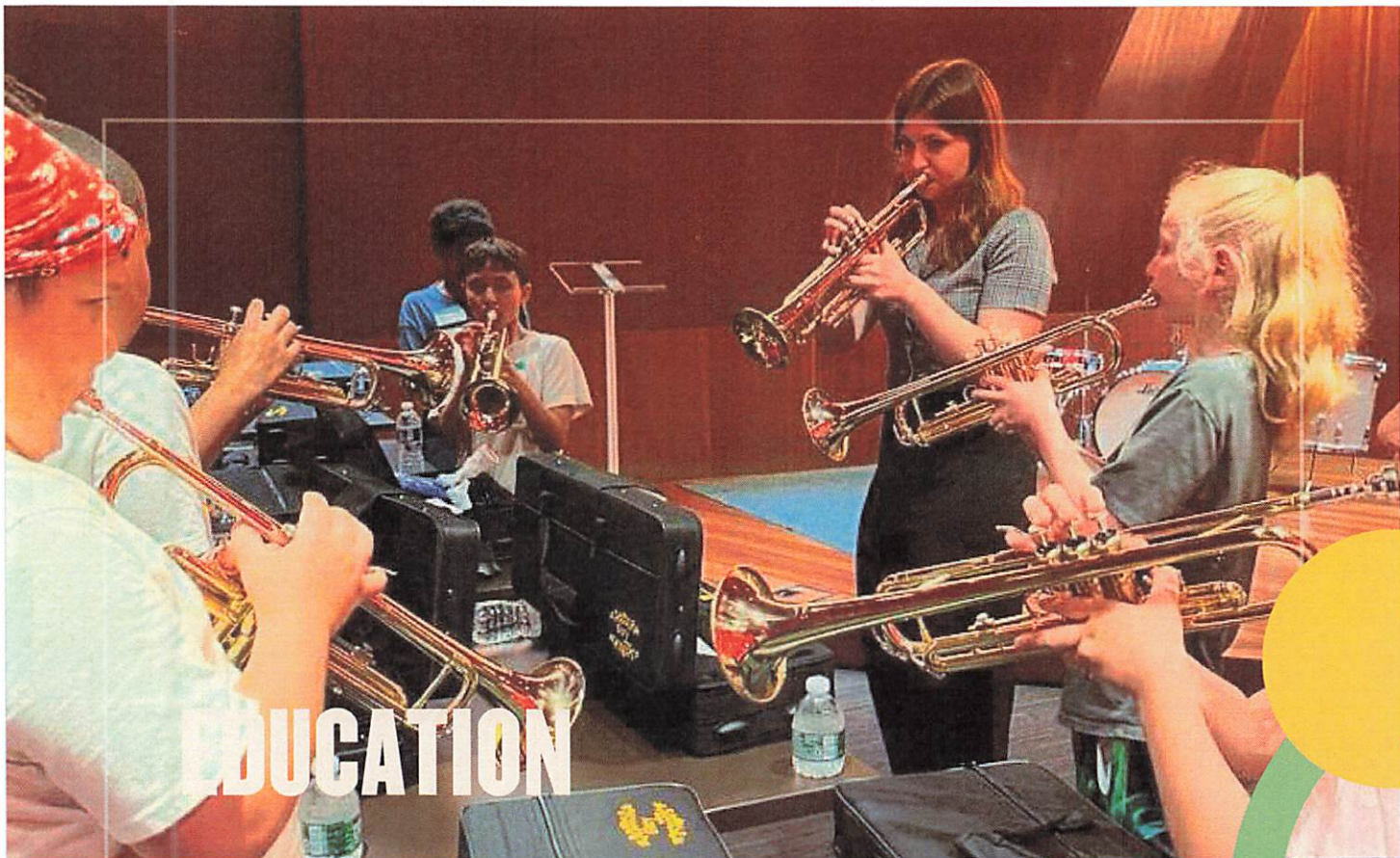
Our Armstrong Now roster includes many artists like: Esperanza Spalding, Amyra León, Matthew Whitaker, Alain Lauture, Ulysses Owens and 2023 Grammy winner, Samara Joy.

The Armstrong Now Artist in Residence and Signature programs contextualize Armstrong's contributions within historical and 21st Century constellations of Black making, thinking, and vitality. The program provides emerging and established multidisciplinary artists with a platform to create and perform new work inspired by the vast Armstrong Archives collections.

## The Jazz Room

As it opened in 2023, this new indoor space allows the Museum to host and stream performances year round. Indoor Jazz Room concerts now joins our outdoor Garden Concert series and exponentially increases the Museum's live music offerings.

Louis Armstrong's music is timeless, as evidenced by his 2022 Holiday album reaching the Billboard Top 10. Armstrong Now and The Jazz Room bring this urgent artistic expression to today's audiences.



## EDUCATION

### **After School Program**

Our after-school programs cover grades K-12 across all NYC boroughs, delving into Louis Armstrong's digitized jazz archives. The programs offer hands-on activities, exploring Jazz's origins, music elements, composition, and rhythm. They include 12-week residencies, assemblies, and customizable curricula for schools.

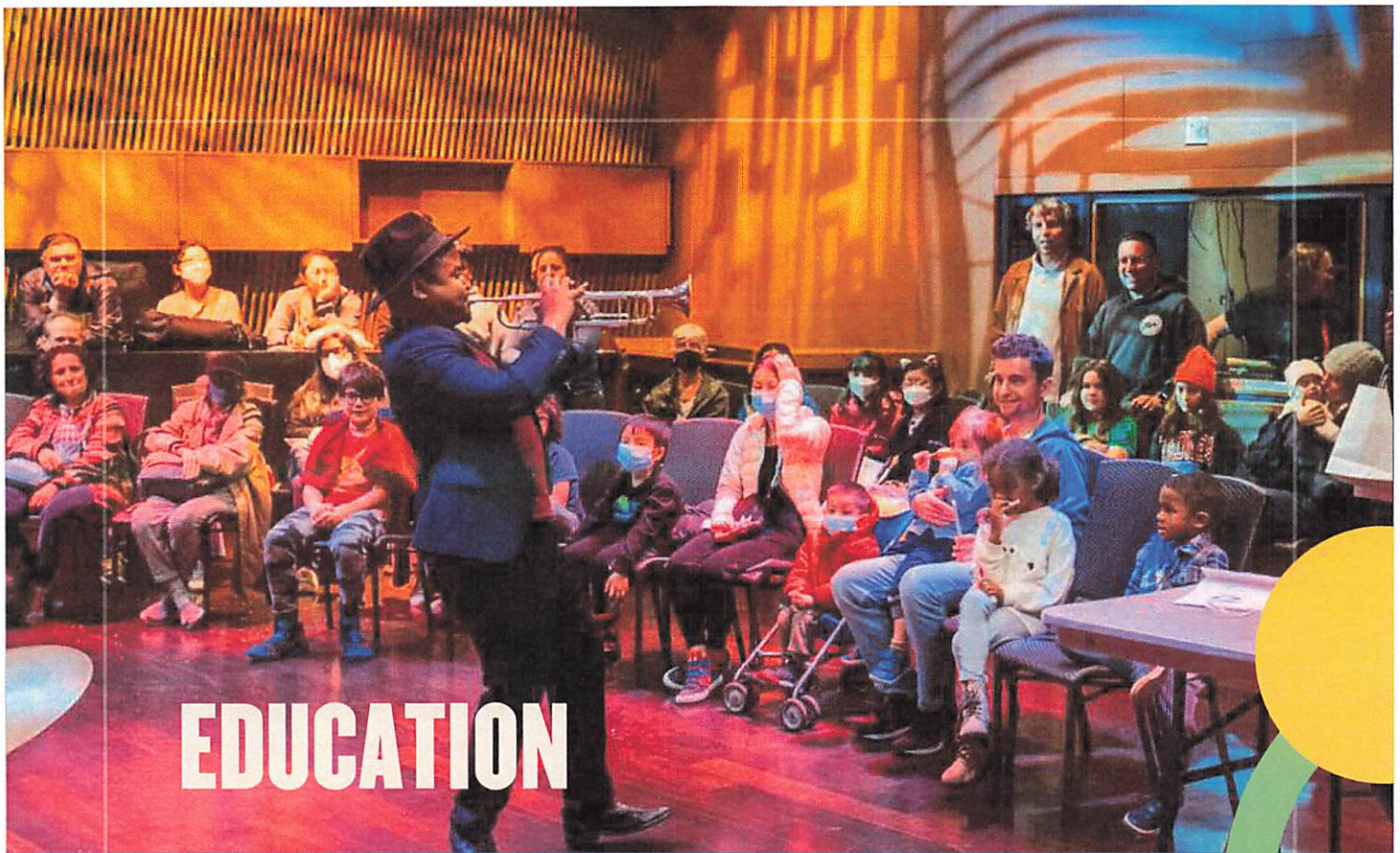
### **Pops is Tops**

The Pops is Tops series, now in its 37th year, brings K-6 students to the Louis Armstrong House Museum's beautiful garden to experience live jazz by world-class artists.

This program introduces local kids to Grammy-winning jazz musicians in Louis Armstrong's neighborhood in Corona, Queens

### **Welcome to Pops' House**

The Louis Armstrong House Museum offers class visits featuring a tour of the historic home and rare personal recordings of Louis and Lucille Armstrong. These visits are customizable for all student ages and learning goals. The new Armstrong Center hosts the "Here to Stay" multimedia exhibit.



# EDUCATION

## Internships

The Louis Armstrong House Museum welcomes applications for interns year round. Interns at the House Museum have the opportunity to lead House Tours, work closely with our Visitor Services Manager, work with the Museum's research collections, and more.

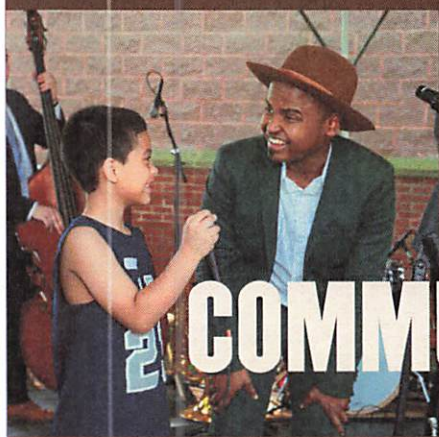
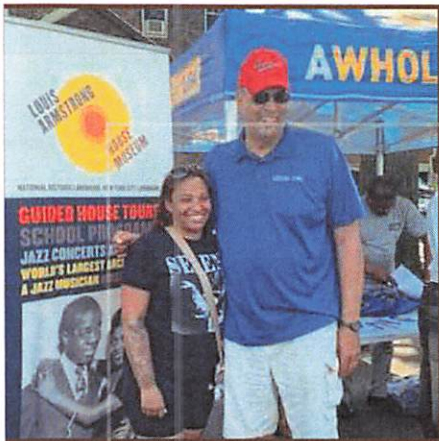
## Trumpet Traditions

We offer one-on-one and small group trumpet classes, utilizing specially donated instruments. This program aims to remove barriers to music learning and performance for students in the Queens community.

## Voices of Freedom

We invite students K-12 to learn about Armstrong, investigate the Armstrong Archives, strengthen their musicianship and create new works while learning about the process and techniques of world class artists.

Workshops and assemblies take place on site at the Museum, online, and in classrooms throughout New York and beyond.



# COMMUNITY

## Community Calendar

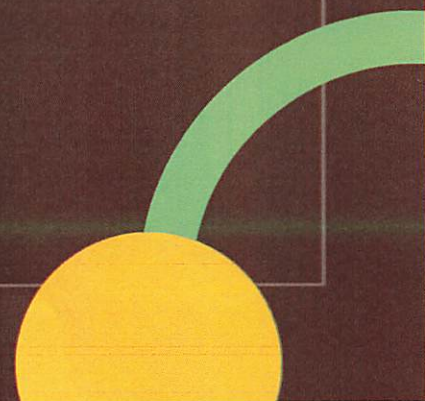
Our Neighborhood Calendar includes a variety of free workshops including dance, music, yoga, collage art and more that aims to continue building community around Pops and Lucille's Home.

## Housing and Home Ownership

The Armstrongs were two Black artists who owned their own home in the 1940's. In that legacy, the museum partners with organizations like the Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens to support home ownership and wealth creation in Queens communities.

## Justice Arts

Now hosting the Arts Justice Convening, the Louis Armstrong House Museum, in collaboration with New Yorkers for Culture & Arts (NY4CA), brings together arts organizations, artists, justice-impacted individuals, and those in the justice system. It's an ongoing series of conversations with profound reflection, performances, and panel discussions to share resources.



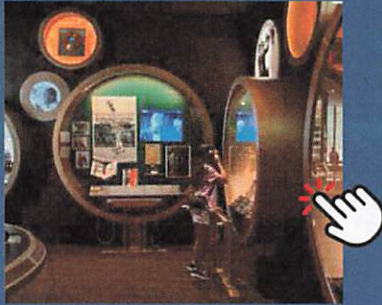


## Global Ambassadors

Louis Armstrong played in over 62 countries, both privately and as part of the U.S. State Department's Jazz Ambassadors Program. The Museum takes up that legacy by engaging with Armstrong's global fans virtually and in-person and bringing those global partnerships back to Queens. The Global Ambassadors Program has included:

- A 2023 exhibition at "Das Minsk" museum in Postdam Germany titled: "I've Seen the Wall" - Louis Armstrong on Tour in the GDR in 1965. This exhibition is available to the public until the 4th of January 2024
- A 2023 partnership with the U.S. State Department's Art in Embassies Program and the Shaikh Ebrahim Center, which brought Director Regina Bain to the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Middle East to present on Louis Armstrong's global legacy.
- A 2022 - 2023 partnership with Pina Bausch Dance Company in Germany and the Frank Sinatra High School in Queens.
- A 2021 partnership with the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and the Forum for Cultural Engagement to bring Dave Brubeck's Real Ambassadors Musical to students in Russia.

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**JAZZ LEGEND LOUIS  
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# VIDEO GALLERY



**ROAD TO NEWPORT - A MINI DOCUMENTARY**



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**NYC PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEADERS AT THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM**



**POPS IS TOPS - 2023**



**CULTURAL IMMIGRANT INITIATIVE - LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM**



**LAHM AFTER SCHOOL TRUMPET PROGRAM - FEATURING DAVE ADEWUMI**



**LOUIS ARMSTRONG CENTER - RIBBON CUTTING JUNE 2023**

# EVENTS GALLERY

The Louis Armstrong House Museum Presents:

## NDUDUZO MAKHATHINI

01.13.24 3:00PM

At The Louis Armstrong Center's Jazz Room



The Louis Armstrong House Museum's Armstrong Now Presents:

## AMYRA LEÓN

12.16.23 3:00PM

At The Louis Armstrong Center's Jazz Room



The Louis Armstrong House Museum Presents:

## VUYO SOTASHE

12.09.23 AT 3:00PM

At The Louis Armstrong Center's Jazz Room



The Louis Armstrong House Museum

## Kali Rodriguez-Peña's Mélange

11.16.23 5PM

At The Louis Armstrong Center's Jazz Room



THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM PRESENTS:

## JULY 4TH GARDEN CONCERT

IN CELEBRATION OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG'S BIRTHDAY

FEATURING  
**CATHERINE RUSSELL**  
07.04.2023 2PM



The Louis Armstrong House Museum

## Ella Bric Celebrates Louis Armstrong

10.21.23 5PM

At The Louis Armstrong Center's Jazz Room



THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM PRESENTS:

## JASON MORAN AND THE BANDWAGON

FEATURING  
**AMBROSE AKINMUSIRE**

09.09.23  
TWO SHOWS AT 4:00 PM  
AND 8:00PM



THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM PRESENTS:

## JUNETEENTH CONCERT

FEATURING  
**CHARLES TURNER & UPTOWN SWING**

06.19.23 12PM



# EVENTS GALLERY

CARNEGIE HALL CITYWIDE 

THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARNEGIE HALL PRESENTS:

**CARNEGIE HALL CITYWIDE:  
BRIANNA THOMAS**

**09.30.23**

RAIN PLAN: NOW AT THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG CENTER JAZZ ROOM

4:00 PM SHOW  
6:00 PM SHOW




IN CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE, THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM PRESENTS:

**PEDRITO MARTINEZ GROUP**

**10.28.23**

TWO SHOWS AT 4:00PM AND 6:00PM

TOURS WILL BE OFFERED IN SPANISH AT 12:30PM AND 2:30PM



IN CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE, THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM PRESENTS:

**CHIA'S DANCE PARTY -  
COLOMBIAN JAZZ**

**10.05.23**

AT 6:00 PM

HOUSE TOURS WILL BE OFFERED IN SPANISH AT 12:30PM, 2:30PM, AND 3:30PM



Armstrong Now Open Studio Presents:

**Off Brand gOdds**

a new dance/music company directed by esperanza spalding & Antonio Brown

October 14th at 5pm EST

Live on:

 Facebook  YouTube

An intimate peek into the process of creating new works engaging the Armstrong Archives.



The Louis Armstrong House Museum and Jazz At Lincoln Center's Dizzy's Club Present:

**ARMSTRONG NOW**

**11.21.23 7:30PM**

Performing at Jazz at Lincoln Center's Dizzy's Club




THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE MUSEUM IS HOSTING:

**JAZZMOBILE**


FEATURING NEA JAZZ MASTER  
**JIMMY OWENS**

**08.19.23 5:00PM**



**LISTENING PARTY**

**NOVEMBER 17TH AT 1:00PM**




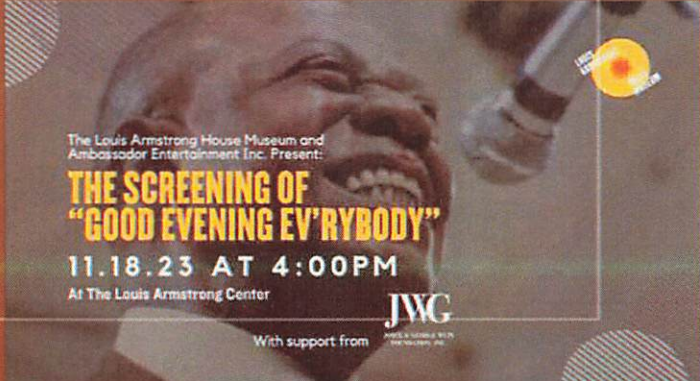
The Louis Armstrong House Museum and Ambassador Entertainment Inc. Present:

**THE SCREENING OF  
"GOOD EVENING EV'RYBODY"**

**11.18.23 AT 4:00PM**

At The Louis Armstrong Center

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