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**SAVE THE DATE: Red Hook Waterfront Arts Festival, Saturday, June 7th
(Rain Date Sunday June 8)**

Brooklyn, NY – (February 15, 2008) Look past these grey skies and windy days to June 7th, when the 15th annual Red Hook Waterfront Arts Festival will once again celebrate community through the arts. This unique, highly inclusive Festival brings together long time Red Hook residents with recent neighbors and interested folks from across the five boroughs, all who share a passion for the arts, the environment and community development. The Festival's new location on the waterfront at Louis J Valentino Jr. Park & Pier (Coffey and Ferris Streets in Red Hook) makes a perfect setting to enjoy cool sea breezes and breathtaking views, while taking in a day of outdoor entertainment and education on vital community resources.

This FREE festival will be jam-packed with activities for children, teens and the whole family. New York's hottest, most socially conscious musicians, dancers and spoken word artists explode with new works on the mainstage and share their expertise through free workshops. Over 200 local youth artists will perform alongside professionals onstage as well as in the 4th annual Red Hook Youth Film Festival. Cool off in the shady tent to enjoy screenings of youth made media and talkbacks with the young filmmakers.

Community organizations will offer a range of information on everything from affordable housing to greening your community and home. Hands-on activities such as free canoe and kayak rides, roving circus performers, face painting and a petting zoo will be available throughout the day. Join in on a game of soccer or catch a few rays of sun while enjoying the music. Come hungry to sample the eclectic mix of food supplied by local restaurants.

The Red Hook Waterfront Arts Festival is about participation on all levels – and keeps getting better all day long! Bring your dancing shoes to finish the night on your feet with a dance party spun by DJ Oja Vincent.

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The Red Hook Waterfront Arts Festival is produced by Dance Theatre Etcetera: Executive Director Martha Bowers and Production Coordinator Robert Martin. Visit www.dtetc.org for more information.

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