

HIGH LINE PRESENTS

# Pigeon FEST



**TODAY!**  
12-8pm

In celebration of Iván Argote's *Dinosaur*—the striking 17-foot-tall aluminum pigeon sculpture at the Spur on the High Line—and National Pigeon Appreciation Day, the High Line presents Pigeon Fest, a free full-day festival celebrating pigeons, urban ecology, and public art.

All events are free and open to all ages.

Please note, in the event of inclement weather, locations may change.

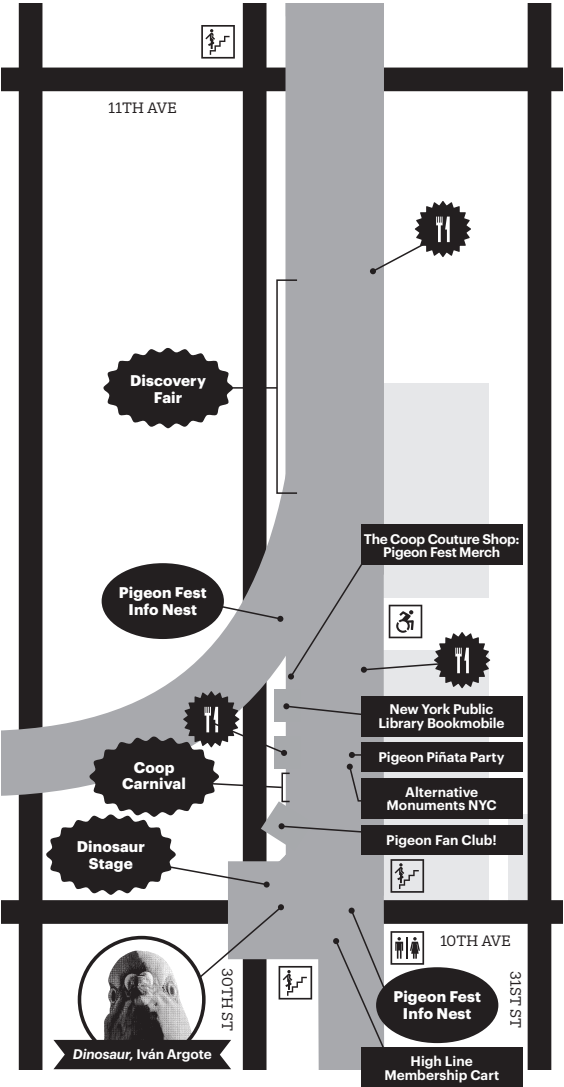


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## **COOP CARNIVAL**

**12–5pm, On the High Line at 30th Street in the Coach Passage**

Step right up and join us at the Coop Carnival! From ring-a-wing ring toss, to worm-in-the-hole mini golf, to pin-the-tail on the pigeon, and more. If you're lucky, you just may win a prize!

## **PIGEON PIÑATA PARTY**

**12–5pm, On the High Line at 30th Street in the Coach Passage**

It's a party and you're invited! Join High Line teaching artists to collaborate on the creation of a community pigeon piñata or make your own mini piñata to take the party home with you.

## **ALTERNATIVE MONUMENTS FOR NYC**

**12–5pm, On the High Line at 30th Street in the Coach Passage**

Ivan Argote's sculpture *Dinosaur* is a monument to the humble New York City pigeon. Show your ideas for who, or what deserves a monument by exploring the Alternative Monuments guide created by teaching artist Julia Rooney and students from the High Line Fellows: Emerging Leaders Program.

## **PIGEON FAN CLUB!**

**12–5pm, On the High Line at 30th Street in the Coach Passage**

Show your love for NYC's most iconic avian residents by joining the Pigeon Fan Club! Visit PFC to decorate a pigeon button and look "coo-l" with face painting. Don't forget to express yourself at our Pigeon Post station by writing a postcard to a loved one and adding it to our carrier pigeon mailbag.

## **DINOSAUR STAGE**

**12–5pm, See schedule for event times**

**On the High Line at the Spur on 30th Street & 10th Avenue**

Join us at our main stage and storytelling hub at the feet of *Dinosaur*. The stage will be activated with dynamic programming for all ages—from high-energy dance classes to performances, pageants, panel discussions, and live music.

## **NYPL BOOKMOBILE**

**12–5pm, See schedule for storytime sessions**

**On the High Line at 30th Street in the Coach Passage**

Peruse the curated selection of books for visitors of all ages that engage with the themes of pigeons, urban ecology, and monuments.

## **DISCOVERY FAIR**

**12–5pm, See schedule for special Discovery Fair workshops**

**On the High Line in the Eastern Rail Yards, at 30th Street near 11th Avenue**

Part-science fair, part-marketplace, the Discovery Fair features organizations and local businesses that work in bird conservation, urban ecology, sustainability, and public art.

**Participants:** The Birdsong Project, Center for Book Arts, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Lights Out Coalition, Loftly Pigeon Books, Lower East Side Ecology Center, The Mayor's Office of Urban Agriculture, Monument Lab, Mother Pigeon, NYC Bird Alliance, Pat McCarthy, Wild Bird Fund

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## **Zumba: Pigeon Dance Party**

**12pm, Dinosaur Stage**

Strut your stuff during a high-energy Zumba dance class. All levels are welcome. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes to move around in.

## **Discovery Fair workshop:**

### **Watercolor Workshop with Food Scraps Ink**

**Ongoing from 12–5pm, Discovery Fair,**

**Meet at the LES Ecology Center table**

The LES Ecology Center will be hosting a watercolor postcard workshop, along with tabling and sharing information about curbside composting, e-waste recycling, and volunteer opportunities. *Presented by LES Ecology Center*

## **Walking tour: Best Plants for Birds on the High Line**

**12:30–1:30pm, Meet at the Crossroads by the Info Nest**

Join the High Line's senior director of horticulture, Richard Hayden, for a bird and pollinator-centered tour of the High Line habitats. Learn about the best shrubs and plants to support our fine feathered friends and the types of birds and pollinators that call the High Line home.

## **Mother Pigeon's Impeckable Puppet Show**

**1pm, Dinosaur Stage**

Join Mother Pigeon, Frankie The Pigeon, and Max The Rat for a puppet show based on the real life adventures of Mother Pigeon, famed Union Square artist and advocate for all city wildlife.

## **Performance: The Quest to Learn Middle School**

### **CASA Afterschool: Pigeon Performers**

**1:30–2pm**

**On the High Line at 30th Street in the Coach Passage**

The High Line has worked in partnership with Quest to Learn since 2019 through school residency programs, expanding the learning opportunities that are available between schools and cultural institutions. *This performance, from Quest to Learn students Chris E., James K., Karga M., Maddox H., and Evan N., is made possible through the generous support of City Council Member Erik Bottcher.*

## **Pigeon Impersonation Pageant**

**2pm, Dinosaur Stage**

NYC's first-ever Pigeon Impersonation Pageant! Hosted by legendary costume designer and New York City icon, Machine Dazzle, contestants will be judged on plumage (costume), strut, and sound by a panel of experts.

## **Discovery Fair workshop: Pop-up Pigeons**

**2pm, Discovery Fair, Meet at the Center for Book Arts table**

Create your own pigeon-shaped pop-up card with the Center for Book Arts! No experience necessary—all materials provided. Come make something that moves with you.

*Presented by the Center for Book Arts*

## **Storytime**

### **3pm, NYPL Bookmobile**

Join us for storytime at the New York Public Library Bookmobile station or peruse the curated selection of books for visitors of all ages that engage with the themes of pigeons, urban ecology, and monuments.

## **Panel discussion:**

### **Building Bird-friendly Cities**

#### **3:30pm, Dinosaur Stage**

How can we make our cities more livable—for birds and people alike? Join us for a lively conversation with experts working at the intersection of policy, ecology, and urban design. This panel brings together leading voices in the field:

**Qiana Mickie**, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Urban Agriculture; science writer and birding advocate **Christian Cooper**; horticulture specialist **Ethan Dropkin**; and moderator **Richard Hayden**, Senior Director of Horticulture at the High Line.

## **Storytime**

### **4pm, NYPL Bookmobile**

Join us for storytime at the New York Public Library Bookmobile station or peruse the curated selection of books for visitors of all ages that engage with the themes of pigeons, urban ecology, and monuments.

## **Artist talk: Iván Argote & Cecilia Alemani**

### **4:15pm, Dinosaur Stage**

Join artist Iván Argote and Cecilia Alemani, Donald R. Mullen, Jr. Director & Chief Curator of High Line Art, for a conversation on the making of *Dinosaur* and the role public art plays in city life and civic memory.

## **Musical Concert: Curated in Collaboration with The Birdsong Project**

### **5:30–8pm, Dinosaur Stage**

The day culminates in a vibrant outdoor concert on the Dinosaur Stage, curated in collaboration with The Birdsong Project.

**Jameson Fitzpatrick**, poet

## **String Quartet with Students from the Manhattan School of Music and Juilliard Precollege Programs**

- \* Gretchen Kamm, violin
- \* Sue Nishida, violin
- \* Samuel Chan, viola
- \* Alma Wosner, cello

## **Lee Ranaldo & The Bird is the Word Ensemble**

- \* Alan Licht, guitar
- \* Bentley Anderson, guitar
- \* David Watson, bagpipes
- \* Katie Porter, clarinet
- \* Lea Bertucci, sax & electronics
- \* Lee Ranaldo guitar, metallophones, *Dinosaur*

**And a surprise musical guest!**



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Coo new swag alert! Scan to enter our raffle for a chance to win an exclusive collection of High Line pigeon merch.

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### SUPPORT

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### SUPPORT THE HIGH LINE

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