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Hell Gate Pathway Groundbreaking



On Friday, July 1, RISF commemorated the start of construction on the first phase of the new Hell Gate Pathway, which will run under the sand-colored arches of the Hell Gate Bridge and railroad trestle between the Hell Gate rapids to the south of Randall's Island Park and the Bronx Kill to its north. A key part of an Island-wide pathway system, the Pathway will open over a mile of non-vehicular access along renovated and reclaimed parkland, creating a continuous loop around most of the Park. It will also run directly into the Bronx Connector, the first at-grade access to Randall's Island from the Bronx, slated for construction in coming years.

RISF Chair Nancy Neff and Executive Director Aimee Boden were joined by Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe and NYCEDC President Seth Pinsky, as well as by project supporters including Secretary of State Cesar Perales, Deputy Bronx Borough President Aurelia Greene, NYC Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito, and Anna Vincenty, Community Liaison for the Office of U.S. Congressman José E. Serrano. The group was also joined by Joe McHugh, Vice President for Government Affairs & Corp. Communications at Amtrak, which runs Northeast Corridor service along the Hell Gate trestle and partnered by contributing over \$15 million toward securing the bridge to ensure safe passage under its arches.

World TeamTennis - Young Professionals Council Event



Bjorn Borg and Christine Maselbas, an RISF YPC member, pose after starting the night off with a friendly rally on center court.

On July 14, RISF's Young Professionals Council hosted a Night of Tennis & Cocktails featuring a World TeamTennis match between Bjorn Borg of the Philadelphia Freedoms and John McEnroe and Martina Hingis of the New York Sportimes. Guests enjoyed a picture perfect summer night and the opportunity to watch an historic rivalry renewed as Borg and McEnroe met again at the intimate Sportime stadium on Randall's Island. The Philadelphia Freedoms won the match 21-19. After the match, the night was made complete when McEnroe and his band entertained the crowd with a concert.

Summer Camp



The Randall's Island Summer Camp, provided free of charge to community-based organizations, welcomes approximately 300 children, ages 6-12, to the park each day. The camp's staff provides instruction in sports including track & field, soccer, softball, volleyball, rugby, lacrosse, basketball, tennis, golf, physical fitness and self-defense, as well as horseback riding, dance, music and environmental activities.

The Summer Camp is based upon the ideals of good sportsmanship, and offers all campers the values and lessons learned as part of a team in a safe, respectful environment. As such, it fits well into an active summer at Randall's Island Park, filled with sports events, summer concerts and other healthy outdoor activities. We seek your support to continue programming this remarkable New York City resource, now and into a bright future.

For more information, and to find out how you can participate and contribute, please visit www.randallsisland.org.

Team Randall's Island Runs The ING NYC Marathon!



Randall's Island Sports Foundation is thrilled to be a Bronze Level Charity in the ING New York City Marathon in 2011. We are proud to report that all our guaranteed marathon spots are filled! However, there is still room on the team for those that already have a bib and just want to be part of Team Randall's Island. Team members get perks such as assistance fundraising and training, apparel, a team dinner and free entry into our Run the River 5K on October 22. To join the team visit www.randallsisland.org/events/ing-new-york-city-marathon. Not interested in running – than please support one of our marathon runners by making a donation at www.crowdrise.com/teamrisf20111/fundraiser/randallsisland. Each team member has a \$2,500 goal and they could use your support!

RISF Opens FLOW.11: Art and Music at Randall's Island

On Thursday, July 7, RISF proudly hosted a Gracie Mansion reception and a ferry ride to Randall's Island for a tour of five installations of outdoor art along the Park's waterfront pathways. The works were installed as part of FLOW, a two-year environmental art exhibition which will be on view during the summers of 2011 and 2012 along the Island's southern shoreline. This year's five "FLOW.11" artists – Andrew Chan, Katherine Daniels, Jongil Ma, Gregory Reynolds and Romy Scheroder – joined RISF guests for the evening and presented their works on site.

FLOW is presented in partnership with the AIM program for emerging artists at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. The exhibitions have been made possible through a generous grant from the Rockefeller Foundation's New York City Cultural Innovation Fund, alongside support from Made Event, which is providing publicity as well as a percentage of ticket sales for the Electric Zoo concert held at the Park over Labor Day Weekend. Park visitors and concertgoers can visit the artworks as they come to play or dance under the wide sky, alongside the river, looking out across the city's skyline.



"Hello There, Walking Away From It Ain't No Fun"

Edwin Torres, Associate Director, The Rockefeller Foundation; Jerry Goldman, Co-Chair, RISF; Sergio Bessa, Director of Programs, Bronx Museum; Aimee Boden; Liam Kavanagh, First Deputy Commissioner, NYC Parks & Recreation; artist Jongil Ma; Holly Block, Executive Director, Bronx Museum; Mike Bindra and Laura De Palma, Co-Owners, Made Event; Anne Wilson, RISF; and Jin Ho Yoo.



Adrian Benepe, Commissioner, NYC Parks & Recreation, and Aimee Boden relax on one of Romy Scheroder's "Point of View" chairs.



Aimee Boden and artist Romy Scheroder (seated) with Holly Block, Sergio Bessa, Jerry Goldman and Liam Kavanagh.

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Mike Bindra; Laura De Palma; Sergio Bessa; Holly Block; *“Tenkanas Sash”* artist Katherine Daniels; Edwin Torres; Jerry Goldman; Aimee Boden; and Liam Kavanagh.



Andrew Chan’s *“Resident Alien”* with inspirational water tower in distance.



Jerry Goldman joins artist Gregory Reynolds in *“Hey Poseidon”* along with Edwin Torres; Karen Cohen, President & Founder, RISF; Susan Danilow, Trustee, RISF; Holly Block; Aimee Boden; Anne Wilson; Laura De Palma; Liam Kavanagh; and Sergio Bessa.

Wards Island 103rd Street Footbridge Re-Opens

The bridge is open from dawn to dusk each day through November 1, 2011.