

VAN CORTLANDT PARK
4th ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Hosted by Van Cortlandt Park Alliance & Bronx Arts Ensemble

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024
6 to 7:30 PM
Van Cortlandt House Museum Lawn
Enslaved African Burial Ground

PROGRAM

5:55 West African Drumming

6:10 Call to Order: Stephanie Ehrlich, Executive Director, Van Cortlandt Park Alliance

Lift Every Voice & Sing

- Lucia Bradford, Mezzo Soprano
- NYC All City High School Chorus with conductor Steven Kirby (Kristy Jung, Principal Conductor)
- Valerie Sciarra, Keyboardist

Opening Remarks: Judith Insell, Executive Director, Bronx Arts Ensemble

Elected Officials

6:30 Music & Performances Presented by Bronx Arts Ensemble

Spoken Word with Accompaniment: Ashley Hart Adams (actress) & Judith Insell (violist)

West African Drumming: Yahaya Kamate & Friends

Guest Drummer: Baba Don Babatunde Eaton

PROCESSION

Procession with Drums to the Burial Ground: Yahaya Kamate & Friends

7:00 Burial Ground

Libation Ceremony: Baba Don Babatunde Eaton

Remarks: Stephanie Ehrlich

Poetry Reading: David Mills, from his book, *Talking to the Bones*

FINALE: Lucia Bradford, Mezzo Soprano & Valerie Sciarra, Keyboardist

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