

# VAN CORTLANDT PARK

## 6th ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Hosted by Van Cortlandt Park Alliance & Bronx Arts Ensemble

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

4 PM to 8 PM

Enslaved African Burial Ground  
Van Cortlandt House Museum Lawn

### PROGRAM

#### 4:00 Enslaved African Burial Ground

**West African Drumming:** Yahaya Kamate & Baba Don Babatunde Eaton

**Libation Ceremony:** Baba Don Babatunde Eaton

**Laying of Flowers**

**Soon I Will Be Done:** Yolanda Wyns

**New Orleans Brass Band Procession to Museum:** Alphonso Horne Brass Band

#### 5:00 Van Cortlandt House Museum Lawn - Various Locations

Reimagining the Enslaved Burial Ground Design Ideas: Conversation with Design Teams

Museum Tour

Literary Freedom Project

The Bronx 250 Tapestry with Tijay Mohammed

Food for Sale - Jamaican Snacks

#### 6:00 Van Cortlandt House Museum Lawn - Under the Tent

**West African Drumming:** Yahaya Kamate & Friends

**Welcome:** Yolanda Wyns

**Lift Every Voice & Sing:** Yolanda Wyns & Voices of the Flame Gospel Choir; Accompanist Kevin Sibley

**Remarks:**

Judith Insell, Executive Director, Bronx Arts Ensemble

Ashley Hart Adams, Van Cortlandt Park Alliance

**My Country Tis Of Thee:** Yolanda Wyns with accompanist Kevin Sibley

**where two or three are gathered:** Bronx Arts Ensemble String Duo, Zachary Brown, Cello and Alexandria Hill, Violin

**How I Got Over:** Voices of the Flame Gospel Choir, Conducted by Jeffrey Bolding

**Wonderful World:** Alphonso Horne Brass Band

**Finale:** Yolanda Wyns & Friends

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*This event is part of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's REIMAGINING initiative. In partnership with the Design Trust for Public Space and Immanuel Oni, Liminal Sp, VCPA invites the community to reimagine the park's Enslaved African Burial Ground site as a memorial space that fosters long-term healing and restoration. This project is supported by a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation.*

