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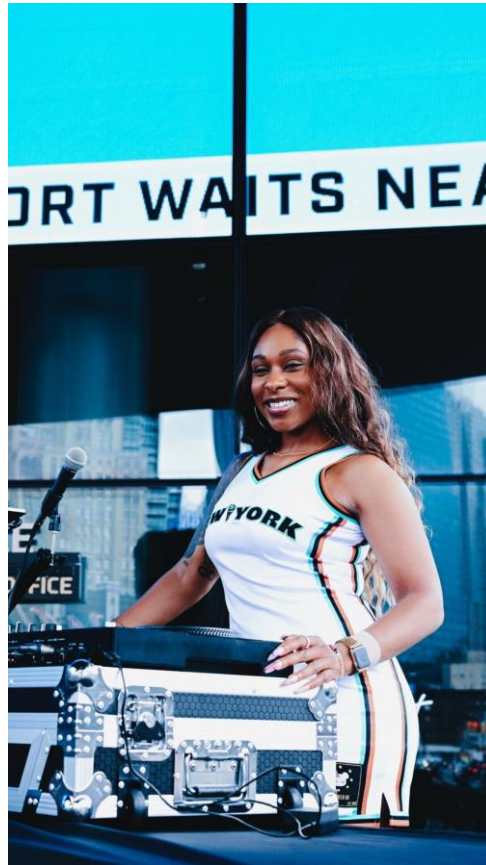
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PRESS RELEASE

WHITNEY MUSEUM HOSTS A SPECIAL EDITION OF FREE FRIDAY NIGHTS WITH THE NEW YORK LIBERTY ON MAY 15



New York, NY, May 12, 2026 — The Whitney Museum of American Art is hosting a special edition of [Free Friday Nights with the New York Liberty](#) on **Friday, May 15**. In addition to **free admission** from **5–10 pm**, visitors can enjoy music with **DJ Ty-Michelle**, dancing with the **Timeless Torches**, and the **exclusive New York Liberty mini print vending machine**. An original franchise of the WNBA, the Liberty are celebrating their 30th season and extending the festivities into communities across New York City to bring the energy of the season directly to fans across all five boroughs.

DJ Ty-Michelle kicks off the evening with music in the **Museum’s lobby** starting at **6 pm**. Born and raised in New York City, Ty-Michelle has been influenced by various genres of music, to which she credits her grandfather. Her unique style, talent, and versatility have placed her in front of crowds throughout New York City and across Europe. When behind the decks, Ty-Michelle sets out to take listeners on a journey through every set. Visitors can also **join the**

Timeless Torches on the dance floor throughout DJ sets by Ty-Michelle. All evening long, a **mini print vending machine** will be available in the Whitney Shop featuring unique, risograph-printed art created by **Brooklyn-based artist Anastasia Inciardi**. The mini prints are exclusive to Barclays Center, so New York Liberty fans won't want to miss this chance to collect them.

Additional offerings on Friday, May 15 include [Jonathan González's](#) performance, [magic hour-golden time](#), from **6–9 pm**, presented as part of *Whitney Biennial 2026*. The latest information about Free Friday Nights programming is always available on [whitney.org](#).

While general admission to the Whitney is free every Friday from 5–10 pm, **tickets are still required, and capacity is limited. Advance booking is strongly recommended, and tickets can be reserved at [whitney.org/admission](#).**

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ABOUT THE WHITNEY

The Whitney Museum of American Art, founded in 1930 by the artist and philanthropist Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney (1875–1942), houses the foremost collection of American art from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Mrs. Whitney, an early and ardent supporter of modern American art, nurtured groundbreaking artists when audiences were still largely preoccupied

with the Old Masters. From her vision arose the Whitney Museum of American Art, which has been championing the most innovative art of the United States for ninety years. The core of the Whitney's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit American art of our time and serve a wide variety of audiences in celebration of the complexity and diversity of art and culture in the United States. Through this mission and a steadfast commitment to artists, the Whitney has long been a powerful force in support of modern and contemporary art and continues to help define what is innovative and influential in American art today.

Whitney Museum Land Acknowledgment

The Whitney is located in Lenapehoking, the ancestral homeland of the Lenape. The name Manhattan comes from their word Mannahatta, meaning "island of many hills." The Museum's current site is close to land that was a Lenape fishing and planting site called Sapponckanikan ("tobacco field"). The Whitney acknowledges the displacement of this region's original inhabitants and the Lenape diaspora that exists today.

As a museum of American art in a city with vital and diverse communities of Indigenous people, the Whitney recognizes the historical exclusion of Indigenous artists from its collection and program. The Museum is committed to addressing these erasures and honoring the perspectives of Indigenous artists and communities as we work for a more equitable future. To read more about the Museum's Land Acknowledgment, [visit the Museum's website](#).

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Whitney Museum of American Art is located at 99 Gansevoort Street between Washington and West Streets, New York City. Public hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10:30 am–6 pm; Friday, 10:30 am–10 pm; and Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 am–6 pm. Closed Tuesday. Visitors twenty-five years and under and Whitney members: FREE. The Museum offers FREE admission and special programming for visitors of all ages every Friday evening from 5–10 pm and on the second Sunday of every month.

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