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**KAATSBAAN CULTURAL PARK ANNOUNCES  
SUMMER FESTIVAL 2021  
AUGUST 28-29, SEPTEMBER 4-5 & 11-12, 2021 (Saturdays & Sundays)**

Featuring three new classical dance commissions from Gemma Bond, Claire Davison & Lauren Lovette. Premiere screening of *In Balanchine's Classroom*, in partnership with the Woodstock Film Festival. Inaugural "Playing Field Dinner" with a Peruvian pachamanca, curated by Jeff Gordinier.

**August 24, 2021 - Tivoli, NY - Kaatsbaan Cultural Park** will present a Summer Festival over three consecutive weekends, beginning August 28 and running through September 12, 2021 taking place both outdoors across its 153-acres in the Hudson Valley as well as in its indoor Theater. The multi-disciplinary festival will feature three new classical dance works with live music; a free weekend of western swing music, art, and picnicking; a film screening in partnership with the Woodstock Film Festival; and an inaugural outdoor end of summer dinner celebration.

"Following Kaatsbaan's inaugural Spring Festival, which focused largely on New York dance, music, and culinary icons, Kaatsbaan is pleased to announce its Summer Festival 2021, featuring and supporting the next generation of creators and artists, bridging them with the rich history that preceded them, as well as focusing significantly on our community during this time of renewal as we come together once again." said Sonja Kostich, Chief Executive & Artistic Officer.

"Kaatsbaan has always been a haven for artists, and this was never more evident than during these last sixteen months. We felt it was our responsibility to find a way to provide safe work spaces and performance opportunities for artists throughout the pandemic. The Summer Festival 2021 is building off the success of our past two Festivals, which supported over 300 New York City artists and allowed us to welcome more than 3,500 audience members to Kaatsbaan." said Stella Abrera, Artistic Director.

**Highlights of Summer Festival 2021 include:**

**August 28 and 29, 2021**

6:00pm – 7:30pm

- **The premiere of three Kaatsbaan commissioned classical dance works**

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- Choreographer **Claire Davison** (American Ballet Theatre, Corps de Ballet), brings a site-specific physical comedy piece to Kaatsbaan, with elements of clowning, dance, slapstick, juggling and aerial dance to live music. Performing artists include **Kyle Driggs, Andrea Murillo, Jeff Seal, and Tyler West**. The **Ávila Ensemble**, with **Ana Aparicio, Laura Pérez, Juan Diego Mora, and Elizabeth Liotta**, students from **Bard Conservatory**, will accompany with Venezuelan folk music and music from classical repertoire.
- Choreographer **Gemma Bond** (former dancer from Royal Ballet and American Ballet Theatre, current Artist-in-Residence at **CoLab Dance**), brings a new creation to Kaatsbaan's outdoor Mountain Stage, with dancers from **American Ballet Theatre**, including **Devon Teuscher, Cory Stearns, Tyler Maloney, Chloe Misseldine, Jose Sebastian, and Ingrid Thoms**. Renowned concert pianist, **Cecile Licad**, will play excerpts from Rachmaninoff's virtuosic *13 Preludes* in an exciting collaboration with these dancers. Costume design by **Harriet Jung**.
- Choreographer **Lauren Lovette** (New York City Ballet, Principal Dancer), brings a new pas de deux to Kaatsbaan's outdoor Mountain Stage, with ABT dancer **Zimmi Coker** and **Carlos Gonzalez** with **The Balourdet String Quartet**.
- A solo concert with Steinway Artist **Cecile Licad** will open the Mountain Stage portion of the evening. The piano has been provided by **Steinway & Sons** – the Artistic Choice of Kaatsbaan Summer Festival.

## September 4 and 5, 2021

Music shows at 12:00pm and 2:00pm

- **A celebration of music and art**

Free admission, park open from 11:00am – 6:00pm, donations welcome

Kaatsbaan Cultural Park opens its 153-acre park to the community for Labor Day weekend

- Two performances featuring western swing music by Tamar Korn & A Kornucopia (from [The Brain Cloud](#))
- Bring a picnic and enjoy a stroll through the sculpture garden, featuring 11 local Hudson Valley artists, curated by Hilary Greene and Jen Dragon of Cross Contemporary Partners

## September 11, 2021

4:00pm: film screening, 5:30pm: Panel Discussion, 6:15pm: Reception

- **A retrospective of the prolific New York City Ballet choreographer, George Balanchine**

In partnership with the **Woodstock Film Festival**

- Hudson Valley premiere of the film, *In Balanchine's Classroom*  
This screening is courtesy of Zeitgeist Films, in association with Kino Lorber Incorporated
- Invited guest speakers includes filmmaker, **Connie Hochman**, with former **NYCB** Prima Ballerina **Merrill Ashley**

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- Special installation of select books from the library of **Clive Barnes**, the late dance and theater critic for the *New York Times*, whose family generously donated the Clive Barnes Dance Library to Kaatsbaan

## September 12, 2021

### Kaatsbaan's inaugural end of summer feast

2:00pm: Arrival, 2:00pm-3:00pm: Pachamanca opening ceremony and music, 3:30pm-4:30pm: Jeff Gordinier and Ruth Reichl in conversation, 4:30pm-5:00pm: Pachamanca festivities continue, 5:00pm-7:00pm: Dinner and dessert from Fortunes Ice Cream

- *The inaugural "Playing Field Dinner,"* curated by **Jeff Gordinier**, author of *Hungry: Eating, Road-Tripping, and Risking It All with the Greatest Chef in the World*. Kaatsbaan's first annual end of summer feast is in partnership with **JuanMa Calderón** and **Maria Rondeau** of **Esmeralda** and **Celeste**, who will prepare a pachamanca — an ancient Peruvian technique of cooking in the ground for which they were [recently featured in the New York Times](#), and cocktails sponsored by the new, stunning River Pavilion at **Hutton Brickyards** in Kingston, dessert sponsored by **Fortunes Ice Cream**, live Peruvian music with **Sara Van** and **Chano Diaz Limaco** - curated by **Jeff Gordinier**, former food writer for the *New York Times* and *Esquire*, in conversation with **Ruth Reichl**, the former restaurant critic for both the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times*, as well as the former editor-in-chief of *Gourmet* magazine. Among her many books are the bestsellers *Save Me the Plums*, *Comfort Me with Apples*, and *Tender at the Bone*. \*\*Availability limited to 150 dinner guests

*All programming is subject to change.*

Additional program and ticket information will be made available online at [www.kaatsbaan.org](http://www.kaatsbaan.org). Tickets at <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36035>.

Summer Festival events and performances will take place both outside across the 153-acres of Kaatsbaan Cultural Park and in its indoor Theatre, following all CDC and NYS guidelines. Proper safety protocols will be in place.

### About Kaatsbaan Cultural Park

The mission of Kaatsbaan Cultural Park is to provide an extraordinary environment for cultural innovation and excellence. As both an incubator for creativity and presenter for world-class artists in dance, theater, music, film, poetry, culinary and visual arts, Kaatsbaan provides artists with state-of-the-art dance studios, accommodations, an indoor theater, and two outdoor stages. Sitting on 153 Hudson River-adjacent acres, Kaatsbaan is free of urban facilities' space and time constraints, allowing for exciting levels of artistic exploration, creative action, and achievement – just two hours north of New York City. Kaatsbaan Cultural Park is committed to the advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the arts as we aim to present, promote, and embrace programming that accurately reflects our society. We encourage a broadly diverse group of individuals to participate in our programs and join our Board

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and Staff and insist on being inclusive of all peoples regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, socio-economic background, physical or mental ability.

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