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Bigger than Ever, Chinatown Night Market August Date Announced

Think!Chinatown brings performances, art & food to Forsyth Plaza on Aug 11th

NEW YORK, N.Y., — On Friday, August 11th from 8PM-11PM, Think!Chinatown (心目華埠, T!C) — a non-profit based in Manhattan’s Chinatown — will host another installment of “Chinatown Night Market” (橋頭夜市) — the monthly summer series of art and food in Forsyth Plaza, at the iconic gateway of the Manhattan Bridge. This 2023 season, Think!Chinatown has expanded the Chinatown Night Market on to Forsyth Street along the plaza to welcome more vendors, performances, and gathering spaces. Featuring over 30 vendors, the night is packed with tasty eats, live performances, and folk art.

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Chinatown Night Market is a place for our community to come together, celebrate, and claim safe space in our public realm. This series is an evolved continuation of 2021's Chinatown Nights, an incubation program to support API micro and small businesses, bring more foot traffic into Chinatown in the evenings, and activate under-used public plazas to create safe, culturally relevant spaces for our community in Chinatown. This is a weather permitting event. Due to the unpredictable weather this season, please make it clear to your readers to check the Think!Chinatown website for any date changes.

This open-air cultural festival is free to the public. We ask attendees to please help the T!C team plan for this community event by RSVPing at www.thinkchinatown.org/nightmarket

“Due to the overwhelming popularity of the Chinatown Night Market, the Think!Chinatown team has worked hard to expand the market area this season. We’re here to make more joyous spaces for our community to come together and strengthen our neighborhood.”

— Yin Kong, 邝海音 Director of Think!Chinatown 心目华埠

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FEATURED PERFORMANCES

Think!Chinatown will continue to present their series of culturally-relevant musical performances at the upper plaza. Performances are intermittent throughout the night, approximately at 8:30, 9:15, 10pm.

Annie YuRong Yu 俞毓蓉 will bring her sultry voice, accompanied by pianist Victor Lin, to the moon-lit gateway of the iconic Manhattan Bridge.

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Caption: Annie YuRong Yu and Victor Lin performing at the Sept 9, 2022 Chinatown Night Market



Annie YuRong Yu 俞毓蓉 is a professional singer from China currently based in NYC. She has performed her repertoire of traditional and popular Chinese songs in cities across China. In New York City, she has performed regularly at the Flushing Town Hall, the Flushing Library and the Make the Music NY festival in Manhattan's Chinatown.

Victor Lin is a jazz pianist and violinist, with an undergraduate degree in music from the University of Washington and a masters degree in jazz studies from Rutgers University, where he was a student of Kenny Barron. He is currently finishing his doctorate in music education at Columbia University Teachers College, where he teaches jazz piano and jazz ensembles.

YiuYiu 瑤瑤 will spin from her “Chinatown Records” collection bringing some of her favorite Canto- and Mandopop records and CDs inherited from her family and neighbors. The “Chinatown Records” project is a community effort rooted in fostering intergenerational relationships and dance floors through music and memory. IG: @rochellehkwan

FEATURED VENDORS

Chinatown favorites include: Kopitiam, YaYa Tea, Kuih Cafe, Yan Wo Dou Bun (Tofu Auntie), Kam Hing Coffee Shop, The Little One, Xiang Mini Cake, Pinklady Cheese Tart, Sugarcane Daddy, Round K by Sol, Nha Trang One, Sister Ping’s Peking Duck and Noodle Stall, Grand Tea & Imports, and Yu & Me Books.

Other popular Asian food vendors include: Cambodia Now, Pho Master, Whistle & Fizz, Twisted Potato, Mrs. Jiang's Smoothies & Sweet Soups, and Tri.Club.

Featured traditional folk arts include: Dough Figurines by Xun Ye, Braided Straw Figurines by Meifang Shi, Sugar Paintings by Yan Sui, Paper Cut Portraits by Ming Liang Lu, Traditional Paper Cut Art by Ling Tang, Calligraphy Names by Mr Tang, and Framed Calligraphy by Mr Huang.

Other Asian vendors include: From Here to Sunday and 8OX Set.

For full details on the Chinatown Night Market, visit www.thinkchinatown.org/nightmarket

ABOUT THINK!CHINATOWN

Think!Chinatown is a place-based intergenerational non-profit in Manhattan’s Chinatown, working at the intersection of storytelling, arts, neighborhood engagement, and creative placekeeping. We believe the process of listening, reflecting and celebrating develops the community cohesion and trust necessary to work on larger neighborhood issues. By building strength from within our neighborhood, we can shape better policies and programs that define our public spaces, celebrate our cultural heritage and innovate how our collective memories are represented. T!C is the team powering the Chinatown Night Market, Chinatown Block Parties, Chinatown Arts Festival. Learn more at www.thinkchinatown.org

CHINATOWN NIGHT MARKET PARTNERS

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