

Art For Progress presents *Summer Groove Cruise*

On Thursday August 7th get on board the *Star of Palm Beach* and let Art For Progress (AFP) be the captain of your ship. This will be a boat party like no other- AFP style! Come and check out a true showcase of real talent as several of our emerging crop of live musicians and DJs perform during this three hour adventure. And that's not all. AFP's SeBiArt will also be collaborating with SHBA Danceworks and Nina Buisson Contemporary Dance Company to present two fantastic dance performances.

Summer Groove Cruise will feature diverse, exciting entertainment on two decks. On the upper deck, the evening will begin with the reggae sounds of our special guests Thunda Vida, a relatively new band comprised of some of NYC's best reggae talent. AFP's own Barry Komitor plays guitar with the band and we believe there is no better way to get this party started than having a cold Ommegang Beer and listening to some cool reggae while checking out a beautiful sunset on the Hudson River.

Our next performance is from the wonderfully talented vocalist Miz Metro, who is no stranger to AFP events. In 2005 her performance at *Mesmerize*, our Bridgehampton event, was more than mesmerizing and she followed up that performance by joining us in Miami in 2007 for AFP's *Ascension*. Most recently, she has been performing regularly with her 7 piece hip hop soul band, "The Makebelieves". Earlier this summer, Miz Metro's live performance of "TV Land" won the viewer's pole for best performance on Fox 5's *Fearless TV*.

Emperor City Motorcade, winner of AFP's *Clash of the Artists* music competition this past March, will be the third act to play the groove cruise. They have had recent gigs at Knitting Factory and Crash Mansion and they'll play Mercury Lounge on August 12th. Playing the closing set, Encursus, a heavy hitting band that hails from Breckenridge, Colorado is AFP's newest musical act to join the organization. After several stunning performances in New York City this past spring, the band will return to play AFP's Summer Groove Cruise. Derived from the Latin phrase meaning "assault on the mind", the band maintains its namesake by taking listeners through spaced-out jams into hammering riffs.

Also taking place will be two special dance performances. Winner of *Clash of the Artists* creative competition in March, Berette Macaulay/ SeBiArt will be collaborating with SHBA Dance Works and Nina Buisson Contemporary Dance Company to present two special performances for our guests. SBHA Dance Works will present "Where is Away?" choreographed by Sarah Holmes. The piece is inspired by questions like, "where does our garbage go" both literally and figuratively. The Nina Buisson Contemporary Dance Company will present "Between Two Worlds" featuring principal dancer Maki Shinagawa. Variations of this performance have been previously presented at Steps

NYC, FIT, La Mama, and the Joyce Soho.

DJ Dennis Sebayon will be spinning on the upper deck throughout the evening. Dennis has been playing throughout the US and Canada, and has also DJ'd at the Ultra Music Festival for the past five years. As a tastemaker DJ and music critic, he has gained recognition in publications such as URB, HX and Next Magazines. He is also a featured journalist on NPR's Day to Day.

On the lower deck we'll feature three very talented and diverse DJ/Producers that will keep our guests moving and grooving until we get back to shore. Doug Gomez, half of the production duo Drrtyhaze, will be spinning a wide array of deep disco beats. Doug's affiliations include Tirk, Gomma, Truffle, and Speak Recordings. Rob Paterson will also be spinning at AFP's Summer Grooove Cruise. Rob who has played at many of AFP's events including our *Ascension* event in Miami last year. Along with spinning in many of NYC's underground clubs, he has developed a unique, live electronic project, "Multiple Mono", which has signed with Manyc Records.

DJ Jimmy Sky is a house music veteran on the NYC scene. His high energy sets cross many genres of dance music and this is one reason why he won our *Clash of the Artists* DJ competition this year.

Not to be missed, the *Summer Grooove Cruise* is sure to be a unique, entertaining experience! As river cruises go in NYC, the AFP event will surely provide the best value for providing high-quality emerging entertainment in an artistic, socially conscious environment. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$25 through AFP's website, or for \$35 at the door. This includes a sponsored open bar and light food during boarding from 6-7pm, then the boat sails from 7-10pm.

Tickets will be available on our web site through Wednesday August 6th.