

A photograph of the Morris-Jumel Mansion, a large white neoclassical building with a portico supported by four columns and a balcony on the second floor.

# Monthly Mansion Minute

News from the Morris-Jumel Mansion



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## Letter from the Executive Director

Hello all,

What a summer we've had so far! As you will see in pages 5-6 of this issue, the 2024 George Washington Dinner on July 14 was a rollicking good time for the sold out crowd of supporters, sponsors, and special guests. It was a memorable evening that raised funds for our programs while raising the spirits of the guests. Gratitude to the event committee, Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers whose hard work makes this annual event possible.

Yoga in the Park has been a wonderful addition to our summertime community programming. A good core group shows up every week to stretch and commune with the natural environment of the park. It's a special thing to be able to do in the heart of Washington Heights.

We are gearing up for Jazz at the Mansion August 24 and 25 at 2:00-6:00pm. If you have never attended, or are a regular, come experience the specialness of Marjorie Eliot, who began this concert 33 years ago and has continued it as a labor of love. Her generosity of spirit and talent are something to behold. She and Parlor Entertainment are world class musicians providing hours of great jazz as you relax on the grass or patio in front of the Mansion. Bring a picnic and enjoy the music!

Yours,  
Catherine Hughes



## What's New at the Mansion

Please welcome our latest staff addition, Caroline Siavichay, the new School & Community Manager. Caroline began August 2 and has jumped right into planning for the upcoming school year. She is responsible for all scheduling of field trips, curriculum planning, educator training, and community programs.





Caroline is working at the Mansion Sundays through Thursdays, sharing the third floor office with Danielle Gaita, MJM's Public Programs and Visitors Services Manager. A more detailed introduction will follow in the September Mansion Minute.

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**Progress continues on the extensive building restoration project. In our commitment to transparency, a new sign created by our partner, the Historic House Trust, will be posted on the Mansion grounds to update and inform the public and our visitors on the status. This is an image of the informative sign, including a QR code to learn more.**

 [Click here to watch the December Virtual Parlor Chat about the restoration.](#)

 [Click here to watch the April Virtual Parlor Chat about the restoration.](#)



**GOALS**

- Preserve the historic building
- Welcome more visitors to experience the history interpreted at the museum

**PHASE I SCOPE**

- Full Exterior Restoration
- Window Restoration
- Full Roof Replacement
- Porch Column Replacement
- Interior Plaster Repair
- Reconstruct Rooftop Balustrades

**PHASE II SCOPE**

- Restore Bluestone Patio
- Construct ADA Ramp at East Entrance
- Renovate Basement Bathroom
- Create ADA Compliant Bathroom
- Reconstruct Architectural Lighting System
- Upgrade Electrical System
- Reconstruct Exterior Basement Stairs
- Waterproof Foundation

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### MORRIS-JUMEL MANSION EXTERIOR RESTORATION

The collaborative design process with Page Ayres Cowley Architecture was completed in June 2024. Once a qualified contractor is onboarded, construction will begin for Phase I of the restoration. Scan the QR code below to stay up-to-date on project progress.

Funding for this project was provided by former elected officials Mayor Bill de Blasio, Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, and Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer, and continues with the support of Mayor Eric L. Adams, Council Member Carmen De La Rosa, and Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine.



*Roger Morris Park will remain open throughout the restoration. Please feel free to visit and enjoy!*

# Calendar



## Yoga in the Park

Every Tuesday through August 27th,  
6:00-7:00 PM

[Free Registration Here](#)



## ConEd Family and Community Day

*Cyanotype Art Prints*

Saturday August 10th, 1-3 PM

No Registration Needed



## Virtual Parlor Chat

*Bloomberg Connects! Information Session on new visitors guide platform*

Wednesday, August 21st, 7:00-8:00 PM

[Free Registration Here](#)



## Jazz at the Mansion

Saturday, August 24th and  
Sunday, August 25th, 2:00-6:00 PM

No Registration Needed

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## George Washington Dinner a Success!

The 2024 George Washington Dinner on July 14 was a resounding success, with a sold out crowd enjoying a fun and elegant evening that raised significant funds for our community programs. The event included a performance by the Baroque Dance Company of New York during cocktails, and remarks following dinner that were both meaningful and humorous by A.J. Jacobs, best-selling author whose most recent book is *The Year of Living Constitutionally*.

Gratitude to Honorary Chairs Katherine Diaz, Ildiko Juhasz, and Dr. Keith Taylor, and to all of our generous sponsors, including Signature Sponsor Harlem Community Development Corporation. Shout out to the many donors to our very successful Silent Auction, and congratulations to the successful bidders on the enticing assortment of items and experiences, including Luis Miranda, who secured the extraordinary and much coveted carved box by artist Joyce Francis.

We are pleased to share a few of the photos from the evening. A complete event recap, list of sponsors and more photos can be found on the event website: <https://morrisjumel.org/events/george-washington-dinner-2024/>



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## Scenes of the 2024 George Washington Dinner

Among our many special guests were Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, NY State Senator Robert Jackson, NYC Council Member Gale Brewer, Meredith Horsford, Executive Director of the Historic House Trust, and Luis Miranda, philanthropist and political strategist.



# Volunteer With Us!

Be a part of the Morris-Jumel Mansion's history by assisting with programming, leading tours, and more!



## MJM Volunteer Perks Include:

- **FREE** museum membership for as long as they remain an active volunteer.
- Invitations to exclusive volunteer-only events.
- Behind the scenes access to the Mansion  
& so much more!

**Ready to join our team?**

**Email: [info@morrisjumel.org](mailto:info@morrisjumel.org)**



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## Thank you to our members and new donors

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Brooke Baldwin	Erik Fiks	Sara Parrott
Priscilla Bassett	Ruth Fischbach	Lori Perkins
Wayne Benjamin	Gary + Karen Fowlie	Sherri Phillips
Sean Benum	Daphne + David	Stephen Pickover
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Antonio Burr	Robert Gregg	George Preston
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