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The Legal Aid Society Joins El Museo del Barrio for 'Uptown Bounce' Free Summer Block Party

Community Event Co-Presented by the Museum of the City of New York Celebrates Legal Aid's 150 Years of Serving New Yorkers

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** recently joined **El Museo del Barrio** at Uptown Bounce, a free summer block party co-presented by the Museum of the City of New York that brings together music, dance, and art to celebrate the many diverse communities that shape New York City.

Presented in partnership with Brooklyn Book Bodega, this year's Uptown Bounce block party was sponsored by The Legal Aid Society and highlighted the organization's 150th anniversary, emphasizing its enduring commitment to protecting, defending, and advancing the rights of all New Yorkers.

Thursday's event marked the 13th year of Uptown Bounce and featured DJs, a live band, salsa and hip-hop dancing and dance lessons, presented by The Salsa Project, food vendors, a children's play area, and after-hours access to the museum's exhibit.

"We are proud to partner with El Museo del Barrio, as well as the Museum of the City of New York and Brooklyn Book Bodega, to sponsor this community-driven celebration of the diverse art, music, and culture of New York City," said **Twyla Carter, Attorney-in-Charge and Chief Executive Officer of The Legal Aid Society**. "For 150 years, The Legal Aid Society has played a vital role in uplifting, supporting, and enhancing access to justice for New Yorkers across the five boroughs. We are honored to have this legacy recognized, and we look forward to continuing to build relationships and foster community in the years and decades to come."

"For thirteen years, Uptown Bounce has demonstrated the power of cultural institutions to bring communities together through art, music, and shared experiences. We are grateful to The Legal Aid Society for partnering with us during its 150th anniversary and for its longstanding commitment to equity and justice for New Yorkers. Together with the Museum of the City of New York and Brooklyn Book Bodega, we are proud to create welcoming spaces where culture, community, and civic engagement can thrive," said **Patrick Charpenel, Executive Director of El Museo del Barrio**.

"Events like this are uniquely New York—bringing together arts, culture, and community in one place," said **Rebecca Cohen, Executive Director and Cofounder of Brooklyn Book Bodega**.

"We're honored to provide free books as part of The Legal Aid Society's 150th anniversary celebration," added **Seema Aghera, Chief Operating Officer and Cofounder of Brooklyn Book Bodega**. "Every child deserves to grow up with books of their own, and we're excited to help families build home libraries while celebrating this milestone."

Photos from the event are available here (please see link for photo credits): <https://tinyurl.com/jvrwxw9h4>

Uptown Bounce is part of a broader series of events marking Legal Aid's 150th anniversary, including upcoming partnerships with the Queens Museum and Rooftop Films at Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

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The Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit law firm that exists for one simple yet powerful reason: to ensure that New Yorkers are not denied their right to equal justice because of poverty. For 150 years, we have protected, defended, and advocated for those who have struggled in silence for far too long. Every day, in every borough, The Legal Aid Society changes the lives of the people we serve and helps improve our communities.

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El Museo del Barrio is the nation's leading Latine and Latin American cultural institution. The Museum welcomes visitors of all backgrounds to discover the artistic landscape of these communities through its extensive Permanent Collection, varied exhibitions and publications, bilingual public programs, educational activities, festivals, and special events.

The Museum is located at 1230 Fifth Avenue at 104th Street in New York City. The Museum is open Thursdays through Sundays from 11:00am – 5:00pm. Pay-what you can. To connect with El Museo via social media, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#). For more information, please visit www.elmuseo.org.