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For Immediate Release:

**New at this Year's Red Hook Waterfront Arts Festival**  
Red Hot Red Hook is Going Green – And Growing Its Art Scene

Brooklyn, NY – (May 5, 2008) Join the Red Hook community at the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Hook Youth Film Festival**, moving to a **NEW TIME**. Our festival will begin on the **evening of Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**, with a **Family Sunset Picnic**. Bring dinner to the **Valentino Park & Pier** (Coffey and Ferris Streets) or try out MooreParties' boxed dinners, with your choice of BBQ Chicken or Fried Flounder Sandwiches (with sides). Reserve in advance for \$6 by visiting [www.mooreparties.com](http://www.mooreparties.com) or purchase at the picnic for \$7. Accordionists will serenade you and your family as the sun goes down over the pier. As soon as dusk settles, we'll be screening dynamic films featuring youth media producers from South Brooklyn Community High School, Added Value, Hook Productions, Paper Tiger TV, Reel Works and more.

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> (Raindate June 8<sup>th</sup>)** marks the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Hook Waterfront Arts Festival** at **Valentino Park & Pier** from **11AM-7PM**. This **FREE** festival will be jam-packed with activities for children, teens and the whole family! New York's hottest, most socially conscious **musicians, dancers** and **spoken word artists** converge onstage with new works and share their expertise through free workshops with the audience and youth performers.

Professional performers include beat box and spoken word artist **Akil Dasan**, pirate puppet performance group **Jollyship the Whiz-Bang**, afro-beat ensemble **Amayo's Fu-Arkist-Ra**, acrobatic salsa pair **Paradizo Dance** and traditional Mexican Dance Company **Calpulli**. End the day by getting your groove on to the mellow and powerful spinner of truth **DJ Oja** (o-jah).

This year we are **Growing Arts, Going Green**, partnering with environmentally-conscious, community organizations that will offer a range of activities and information on everything from affordable housing to greening your community and home--featuring the Urban Divers tipi, with workshops and underwater exhibits; the Center for the Urban Environment with info on family-led recycling, composting and gardening; free canoe and kayak rides; a bio-diesel demonstration; and Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway Initiative's free bike valet parking service.

Transportation to the festival has never been easier. Sail to Red Hook on the New York Water Taxi, offering free rides to the Red Hook Terminal at Fairway (two blocks from the Festival) from Pier 11-Wall Street, or hop on the Trans Express bus making shuttle runs from the Smith-9<sup>th</sup> Street Subway stop, Red Hook Houses East and West, Red Hook Parks and Recreation/Bay Street, Red Hook Senior Center/Wolcott, and the Festival.

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For photographs, visit [www.dtetc.org/gallery2008.html](http://www.dtetc.org/gallery2008.html) or email [julia@dtetc.org](mailto:julia@dtetc.org)

The Red Hook Waterfront Arts Festival is produced by Dance Theatre Etcetera.

Executive Director Martha Bowers and Production Coordinator Robert Martin.

Visit [www.dtetc.org](http://www.dtetc.org) for more information.

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