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### **ARTS AND JAZZFEST NYCTM 26<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ENDS THE YEAR 2025 WITH A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Harlem, New York, December 1, 2025 –The holidays are here and it's a great time for holiday cheer, good tidings, and celebrations. To add to the holiday merriment Arts and Jazzfest NYCTM and Gwen Black ArtsTM will conclude its 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with their annual Year End Holiday Celebration and An Evening of Community Christmas Caroling in West Harlem. The Free Event will take place at the Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park located at 679 Riverside Drive at West 145<sup>th</sup> Street inside the Robert F. Smith Center for the Performing Arts (take the M11 or Bx19 bus directly into the park). Activities include Holiday Crafts, Storytelling with Harlem Holiday, and a Holiday Photo Booth from 2-5 pm, followed by Community Christmas Caroling from 5-6 pm with guest singers Pucci Amanda Jhones, Gari Powder, Rochelle Thompson, Tommy Thompson, Nikkita White and other invited guests. The evening will conclude with Live On The Hudson Holiday Karaoke presented by the Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park from 6-9 pm. "This is an amazing day for the whole family to enjoy holiday time in our local parks" and come together as a community to engage in old traditions such as Christmas Caroling" states Festival Founder and Producer Gwen Black. "All of our art activities are fun for all ages and enables everyone to go home with a holiday treat" Ms. Black further adds. To ensure there is enough supplies for

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Arts and Jazzfest NYC™  
Annual Year End Holiday Celebration

Everyone reserve a spot on the EventBrite page” at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-year-end-holiday-celebration-community-christmas-caroling-2025-tickets-1977224544839> or directly on the Website at [www.artsandjazzfestny.com](http://www.artsandjazzfestny.com) (link provided) .

The event is sponsored by Harlem CDC (Harlem Community Development Corporation) with community support from Sugar Hill Communications Institute, Inc., the Children’s Art Carnival, and the Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park. For additional information about Arts and Jazzfest NYC™ contact Gwendolyn Black, Founder and Producer at 212-665-5313 or via email at [gwenblackarts@yahoo.com](mailto:gwenblackarts@yahoo.com)

**More About Arts and Jazzfest NYC™**

In 1999, Ms. Black founded Visual Arts and Jazzfest NYC™ (formerly known as Visual Expressions on Jazz™) to further bring to the forefront master and contemporary visual artists and their works on jazz. Now in its 26<sup>th</sup> Year, Artists Romare Bearden, Norman Lewis and others, along with many of today’s contemporary artists from around the world, has been featured celebrating their works of art dedicated to the music. “It has been a passion of mine to ensure that jazz audiences and the public at large see and learn to appreciate how important the visual arts relate to the music. The festival includes special events along with thematic multi-disciplinary exhibitions, live jazz performances on Governor’s Island and throughout the city, a Year End Holiday event, and educational programming for youths, seniors, and the entire community.

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