

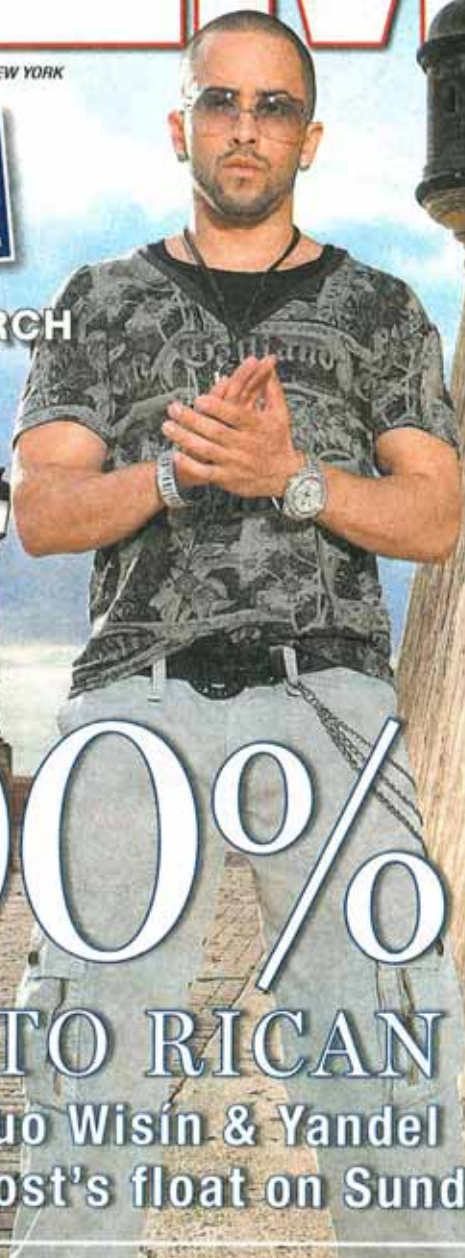
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Dynamic duo Wisin & Yandel
rock The Post's float on Sunday

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THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

All the coolest stuff to do —before, during and after the parade



Chad Reisman

PARADE IN A NUTSHELL

TU CASA, MI CASA

Sometimes, the best seat in the house is your couch. Scream and dance to your heart's delight with live telecasts of the parade. For the second year, two stations are teaming up for coverage — FOX5 and My 9.

Anchoring will be Ernie Anastos and Lynda Lopez with special guest host Tito Puente Jr. Fox 5's Lisa Evers, My 9's Giovanna Drpic and Good Day New York's Mike Woods will also report live. *June 10, The National Puerto Rican Day Parade special, FOX5 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and My9 from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.*



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YOUR COUSINS IN PR COULD SEE YOU, TOO!

Puerto Rico media: Tu TV, Canal 6, WAPA America (delay).

Radio: Radio Isla will broadcast the entire parade live to the whole island.

STAR WATCH: Wisin y Yandel, Post float. Also, Tego Calderon

The D.E.Y. Roberto Roena Michael Stuart Frankie Negrón Calle 13 Elvis Crespo Daddy Yankee N'Klave Miguel Cotto.

100% PUERTO RICAN: HOT EVENTS

By GRACE BASTIDAS

MEN IN SALSA

Puerto Rican Power spreads some *currito* before the big event this week. The tropical orchestra will prove as refreshing as a Medalla beer when they deliver their special blend of "wild, wild salsa" under the leadership of trumpet master Luisito Ayala. We plan to request "Pena de Amor," "Me Tiene Loco," and "Bonitas." *June 6 at 7 p.m. Battery Park, Battery Pl. to South Street. Rivertorivernyc.com. Free.*

ATOMIC BOMBA

Kick off the celebration early with **RAZA**, a monthly party for el pueblo. Bobbito Garcia spins Latin, soul, salsa, *bomba y plena*, and other captivating beats while YerbaBuena provides *música jibara* for happy feet. Also, a screening of Rosie Perez's "Yo Soy Boricua, Pa'que Tu Lo Sepas!"

June 6, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cielo, 18 Little W. 12th St., between Washington Street and Ninth Avenue. Cieloclub.com. \$5, \$15.

SOUTHERN BEAUTY

The City of Ponce is on display in all its regal beauty in Felipe Garcia Barriera's lush photographs. The 75-photo exhibit, **Ritmos Sureños: Bomba y Plena**, is a jaunt through



the southern coast of the island. The Golden Age Awards ceremony will bring together 45 artists, including "Ballet Salsa," "Los Veji-gantes" (call for details).

Through *June 11, Manhattan Valley Senior Center, 135 W. 106th Street, between Amsterdam and Columbus, Monday through Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free. (212) 749-7015.*

CITY OF LIONS

The salute to the "Pearl of the

South" continues with **Ponce: Cultura con Sabrosura**, featuring Banda Municipal de Ponce, a cultural treasure of the island. Crooner Sammy Ayala will perform with Zon del Barrio and dancers of Danza Fiesta. Also on the bill are Grupo Esencia and the talented Ballet Sal-

22nd year today and this year it will cover more than 12 city blocks and four avenues. Live performances and lots of *cuchifritos*. *June 9, From 106th and 122nd streets on Third Avenue and continues from 116th Street between Lexington and Second avenues. 11 a.m. Free.*



sa Sur. *June 7 at 7 p.m. Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse, at 149th Street, The Bronx. (718) 518-4455. Free.*

ROOTS AND RHYTHM

Feel that Caribbean breeze at Julia de Burgos Cultural Center, a destination that helps give Manhattan the honor of being the other *Isla del Encanto*. The Puerto Rican hub joins the festivities with **La Experiencia Puertorriqueña**, a festival of music, art and culture. Check out Oliver Rios' "Raices Volume 2" photography and graphic design exhibit for a little dose of nostalgia. *June 9 at 1 p.m. Julia de Burgos, 1680 Lexington Ave., between 105th and 106th streets. (212) 831-4333. \$20.*

BROOKLYN HEAT

The **Brooklyn Musical Festival** continues to grow this year and it's the alternative to Manhattan and Bronx events. Live performances by The D.E.Y., Obie Bermudez, Zion, John Eric and more. The Post will have a booth, as will other companies giving out freebies.

Saturday, June 9, McCarren Park, between Lorimer and Driggs Streets, Brooklyn. 12p.m.-6 p.m. Free.

BARRIO DAYS

The **116th Street Festival** hits its

OH SHEA!

The Post cover boys and act of the float, **Wisin & Yandel** headline LA KALLE's "El Bling Blineo." Also performing will be superstars Don Omar, Daddy Yankee, Victor Manuel and more. *June 9, Shea Stadium, 123-01 Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing. 7 p.m. (718) 507-TIXX, 507TIXX.com.*

FANCY FOOTWORK

The night before the parade, feel the adrenaline at Madison Square Garden when Zab Judah faces **Miguel Cotto** in the boxing ring. We'll fly our flags way high for Cotto, who hails from Caguas, Puerto Rico, and is defending his welterweight title. Expect a show of speed and power and a devastating finale. *June 9 at 9 p.m. 33rd St. and Seventh Avenue. (212) 465-6741. \$50 and up.*

SOUL SEARCHING

The Copacabana conducts a musical séance that will resonate from the dance floor to the heavens when the club pays tribute to **Puerto Rico's greatest salsa singers**. Hear Viti Ruiz sing the songs of his late brother Frankie Ruiz, "El papa de la salsa." Moncho Rivera belts out the hits of his late uncle Ismael Rivera, "El sonero mayor" and Rafi Santana evokes the spirit of the late, great Hector Lavoe, "El Cantante."

June 9 at 11 p.m. 560 West 34th St., between Tenth and Eleventh avenues. (212) 239-2672. \$20-\$25.

MY HERO

Moncho Conde portrays "El Maestro" Pedro Albizu Campos in Viviana Torres' **Albizu: Todo o Nada**, concerning Puerto Rico's most prominent political figure and his last days in prison. The play recalls the charisma of this national hero, who urged his countrymen to reclaim their cultural history, flag and national anthem.

June 14-16 and June 21-23, Teatro La Tea, 107 Suffolk St., between Delancey and Rivington streets, suite 200. (212) 529-1948. \$15.

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PARADE DO'S

■ Bring plenty of water, wear comfortable shoes and clothes and eat a good breakfast. From start to finish the parade is a good six hours.

■ Bring cash, as street vendors do not accept credit cards.

■ Bring your beach chair if you want a comfy seat. Bleachers are for VIPs.



PARADE DON'TS

■ Avoid getting fined — leave alcoholic beverages at home.

■ Don't adorn the Puerto Rican flag with coquis, graffiti, or pictures. Bring the flag free of adornments.

NY Post: Bolivar Arrellano



MariBelle Rivera, 16

The best thing about being Puerto Rican is family. The ties that Puerto Ricans have are so strong that it is something that all Puerto Ricans should be proud of.