



Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York, Inc.

121 Years of Separation of Panamá from Colombia.

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(Brooklyn, New York) Saturday, October 12th 2024---- **Day of Independence Committee of Panamanian in New York, Inc. (DICPNY)** will celebrate its 29th Annual pre-Independence parade and celebrations.

Official DICPNY sponsored activities include:

- **HEALTH FAIR · Saturday, October 5th @ 10 AM – 3 PM**
St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church · 331 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn, NY
- **PARADE BLESSING CHURCH SERVICE · Sunday, October 6th @ 11:30 AM – 1 PM**
Covenant Keepers Ministries · 888 East 59th Street, Brooklyn, NY
- **PARADE KICK OFF CEREMONY · Sunday, October 6th @ 2 PM – 4PM**
Willink Plaza @ Prospect Park · 1000 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn NY
- **ARTE CONGO (FILM BY ARTURO LINDSAY), Wednesday, October 9th @ 6 PM**
Central Brooklyn Public Library · 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY
- **PANAMANIAN PARADE GALA & QUEENS' CORONATION CEREMONY**
Thursday, October 10th @ 7 PM – 12 AM · Antun's · 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, NY
- **29TH ANNIVERSARY PANAMANIAN PARADE Saturday, October 12th @ 10:30 AM**
Franklin Avenue & Bergen Street to Classon Avenue & President Street Brooklyn, NY

ABOUT DICPNY

The Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York (DICPNY) is a non-profit organization established in 1995. Our mission is to showcase the significant contributions of Panamanians in New York and celebrate our vibrant Panamanian culture.

ANNUAL PANAMANIAN PARADE

The Panamanian Parade in Brooklyn is the largest of its kind globally, outside of Panamá. The parade features a diverse range of participants, including community organizations, folkloric groups, schools, marching bands, and elected officials from the U.S. and Panamá.

PARADE ROUTE

The parade proceeds along Franklin Avenue (affectionately known as Little Panamá) to President Street, where performers from Panamá and across the U.S. will showcase their talents before the judges' review stage.

STREET FESTIVAL

The grand parade culminates in a spectacular Street Festival at Classon Avenue and Eastern Parkway. The festivities include:

- Delicious native Panamanian and American cuisines.
- Merchandise
- Panamanian artifacts
- Live music and entertainment

2024 Honorees

Grand Marshals

- Honorable Guillermo Nurse, Mayor of Oxford, North Carolina
- Alberto González Tang, Founder & Artistic Director of Conjunto Nuevo Milenio

International Grand Marshal

- Krishna Camarena, Directora General of Secretaría Nacional de Políticas y Desarrollo para los Afropanameños (SENADAP) / General Director of the National Secretariat of Policies and Development for Afro-Panamanians

Parade Ambassador

- Bishop Orlando Findlayter, Senior Pastor of New Hope Christian Fellowship in Brooklyn, NY.

Community Service

- Jimmy McCormick, Certified Public Accountant and Brooklyn Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (Founder)
- Eric Rolando Roachford, World Renowned Pastry Chef

Orgullo Panameño

- Edwin Pitti, National Correspondent for Univision

Distinguished Cultural Organization

- Panamanian Square Dance Group

Distinguished Musical + Cultural Organization

- First Panamanian Marching Band of Brooklyn
- United Panamanian Veterans Marching Band
- Drums and Bugles International Marching Band Association Inc.

PARADE MARCHERS

Bands from Panamá

- Banda Internacional Panamá para Cristo
- Instituto Rubiano

Bands from the U.S.

- First Panamanian Marching Band of Brooklyn NY, Corp
- United Panamanian Veterans Marching Band
- Drums and Bugles International Band Association, Inc.
- Panamanian Marching Band of Atlanta

FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

- Alessandra Clarke
- Facundo
- Herbert St. Rose
- King Blak, ft. Lynx Unruly
- Renato
- Reggae Sam, ft. La Pana & Marilyn Malaika
- DJ Sounds of Reality

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