

## January 28, 2017 is the Lunar New Year of the Rooster!

Here is a list of events around the city you can attend to learn more about how different Asian cultures celebrate the New Year.

### Saturday, January 28:

**Chinese New Year Firecracker Ceremony and Cultural Festival in Sara D. Roosevelt Park:** Unfriendly ghosts should steer clear of Sara D. Roosevelt Park on the first day of the New Year, when the Better Chinatown Society lights 600,000 firecrackers to welcome the Year of the Rooster and ward off evil spirits. There will be lion dances and decorations giveaways, plus craft vendors and food booths. It's said that the more dumplings you eat at the celebration, the more money you'll make in the year ahead. Chrystie Street between Canal and E Houston Streets. 11:00am-3:30pm. Firecracker kickoff at 12pm.

**Asia Society Family Day: Moon Over Manhattan! Celebrate Lunar New Year:** Celebrate the Year of the Rooster! Asia Society rings in the Year of the Rooster with performances and traditional craft activities inspired by Lunar New Year traditions across Asia. Activities will include a Lion Dance and kung fu demonstration, musical performances, and more. 1:00pm - 5:00pm Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue. \$5 children/students/seniors; \$12 non-members. <http://asiasociety.org>

**Korean Society New Year Family Day:** Celebrate *Sollal*, the Korean New Year, with a day of fun-filled family activities at The Korea Society! Enjoy storytelling based on Korean folk tales and practice *sebae*, the New Year's bow, to show respect for elders. Play a Korean hand-drum, create your own folk painting, compete in traditional games, and participate in arts & crafts projects! Unforgettable memories await your family at The Korea Society. Session I: 1 PM / Session II: 3 PM. Tickets: \$30 per family, \$15 for individuals. The Korea Society, 950 Third Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10022. <http://koreasociety.org>

**Japan Society New Year's Celebration Oshogatsu:** Celebrate the New Year Japanese *taiko* drumming and lion dance performances at 1:30 and 2:30, followed by audience practice sessions. Then try your hand at rice pounding, calligraphy, New Year's card making and more! With a day filled with fun activities, you are sure to ring in the new year right. Recommended for all ages. 1:00 – 4:00pm. Tickets: \$18/\$10; Children under 2 are free; price includes one taiko drumming session. Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017 <http://www.japansociety.org>

**Chinese New Year Temple Bazaar at Flushing Town Hall:** 3rd annual Chinese New Year Temple Bazaar returns! For centuries, people in China have celebrated the Lunar New Year in temple fairs. Bring your family to enjoy performances, martial arts, crafts, and food to celebrate the Year of the Rooster. The Temple Bazaar is offered in two sessions. Your ticket admits you to the timed session of your choice. 11:00 – 1:00PM & 2:00 – 4:00PM. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354. <http://flushingtownhall.org>

### Sunday, January 29:

**Lunar New Year Celebration at Staten Island Children's Museum:** Celebrate the Year of the Rooster with the New York Chinese Cultural Center Performance at 2pm followed by Chinese dance workshop at

2:30pm. Workshop limited to 25 people per session. Followed by Ink and brush painting workshop at 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Pick up timed ticket at the front desk, limited to 25 people per session. 2:00pm-3:00pm | FREE with admission. Staten Island Children's Museum, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301 <http://sichildrensmuseum.org>

## **Saturday, February 4:**

**China Institute Chinese New Year Family Celebration: The Year of the Rooster:** Kick off the Year of the Rooster with China Institute's signature New Year Celebration. In the afternoon, we open our doors to families for New Year-themed workshops and activities including dumpling making, storytelling, and lantern-making. In the evening, adults and families alike are welcome to a party featuring a lion dance, food, and live music. Family Workshops: 1:00–3:30PM; Party & Performance: 4:00–7:00PM Family Workshop Tickets: Adult \$20, Children \$5; Price includes entry to one workshop and the concert. China Institute, 40 Rector Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10006 <http://www.chinainstitute.org>

**Ring in the Year of the Rooster at the American Museum of Natural History:** Ring in the Year of the Rooster. The Museum's Lunar New Year festival focuses on the Rooster, a character associated with fidelity, punctuality, and the ability to forecast the future. Celebrate Asian art and culture through calligraphy, traditional storytelling, and hands-on activities led by local artisans and Museum scientists. Learn about the important cultural role birds have played across the Asian continent, discover their connection to dinosaurs, and find out what needs to be done to ensure their survival. 12:00 – 4:00pm at the Cullman Hall of the Universe, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024. <http://www.amnh.org>

## **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>:**

**18th Annual New York City Lunar New Year Parade & Festival:** Parade starts at Mott Street and goes through the main streets of Lower Manhattan/Chinatown (Canal, Chatham Square, East Broadway, Allan, & Grand St.) and ends at the Lower East Side on Grand and Chrystie Streets by Sara Roosevelt Park. Suggested viewing locations: East Broadway or by Grand Street / Sara Roosevelt Park. 12:00 – 4:30pm. Parade kick-off at Mott Street at 1:00pm.

**The MET Fifth Avenue Lunar New Year Festival: Year of the Rooster:** May art bring you good fortune! Mark the Year of the Rooster, one of the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac, with performances, interactive gallery activities, and artist-led workshops for all ages. 11:00 - 5:00 pm. Free with Museum admission; admission is free for children under 12 with an adult. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10028. <http://www.metmuseum.org/events/programs/met-celebrates/festivals-and-special-programs/lunar-new-year-2017>

**Rooster Shadow Puppet Workshop at Flushing Town Hall:** Associated with the sun and with the element of fire in 2017, the rooster's bright feathers and resonant crowing announce the arrival of a dynamic new period. Participants of all ages will use stiff paper stock and a variety of materials to create their own roosters inspired by Chinese shadow puppet techniques. 1:00pm. Tickets: \$10 general; \$8 members/children; free for teens aged 13-19 with ID. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354 <http://flushingtownhall.org>

## **Saturday, February 11:**

**Museum of Chinese in America (MOCA) Lunar New Year Family Festival:** Ring in the New Year with MOCA! Visitors of all ages are invited to celebrate Chinese and Chinese American traditions and folk arts with zodiac themed art and crafts, festive performances, storytelling, and much more family fun!

11:00am - 4:00pm. Museum of Chinese in America, 215 Centre Street New York, NY 10013

<http://www.mocanyc.org>

**Year of the Rooster Celebration! at Brookfield Place New York:** Ring in the Lunar New Year with a family friendly performance presented in partnership with the New York Chinese Cultural Center. This performance will feature traditional Chinese dance and music, a martial arts demonstration, theatrical players in full traditional make-up and regalia! Join us prior to the performance for a dynamic Lion Parade led by lion dancers throughout the space. 1:30 PM - 3:30pm, Lion Parade at 1:30pm.

Performance at 2:00pm. Brookfield Place New York, Winter Garden, 230 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10821. FREE <http://www.artsbrookfield.com/event/lunar-new-year/>

## **Friday, February 17:**

**Lunar New Year Shadow Puppet Slam at Flushing Town Hall:** Start the Year of the Rooster off right with light! The 2nd NYC Shadow Puppet Slam returns with another brilliant selection of shadow performance by local puppet illuminati. Chinese Theatre Works' Kuang-Yu Fong and Stephen Kaplin host an evening of short works ranging across the full spectrum of traditional and cutting edge shadow theater, animation, video, and film. 7:00pm. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354

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