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CASTING CALL ON A SKATEBOARD!

**BROOKLYN YOUNG FILMMAKERS
& SKATE BROOKLYN**

present

**SKATE JAM w/ PRO DEMOS & LESSONS
& CASTING CALL FOR SKATE EXTRAS IN SHORT FILM
SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 11:00AM-3:00PM**

MYRTLE AVENUE BETWEEN NAVY & ASHLAND PLACE

(If you have a skateboard bring it! Limited number of practice boards will be available)

For more info: communityfilm@wearebyfc.org

The skate jam is part of the University Settlement Ingersoll Community Center's 2nd Annual LIVE WELL Community Fair Block Party, 10:00am – 3:00pm, Myrtle Avenue between Navy and Ashland.

For more information on the fair contact: (718)522-5051.

Join Brooklyn Young Filmmakers and the store Skate Brooklyn as we take over the street on Myrtle Avenue for a Skate Jam! From 11:00am to 3:00pm there will be skateboard demos by pros and lessons for beginners, using the latest portable ramps provided by sponsor Open Road Park. Skaters of all ages and levels are welcome. There will be a limited number of practice skateboards available. Those who have them are encouraged to bring their own boards.

All participants will be able to sign-up to audition in July to be extras in a skateboarding scene in "MY FAMILIA", Brooklyn Young Filmmakers next short film shoot in August. Brooklyn Young Filmmakers and Skate Brooklyn will be holding a weekly skate clinic in July for skaters who will be the extras, before its MAKE A FILM pre-production classes. We are also auditioning people for the roles of the primary cast for "MY FAMILIA" (visit www.wearebyfc.org for the complete Casting Call Announcement). We will be creating a set and shooting the indoor scene at the Farragut Community Center in Fort Greene public housing.

The Brooklyn Young Filmmakers (www.wearebyfc.org) and Skate Brooklyn's (www.skatebrooklynny.com) June 25th skateboard clinic is just one of the many free events happening at the University Settlement Ingersoll Community Center's 2nd Annual LIVE WELL Community Fair, 10:00am – 3:00pm, on Myrtle Avenue between Navy and Ashland Place. Other free activities include rides for young children, face painting, and healthy cooking demonstrations. A main stage will feature live entertainment, including an open mass audience participation dance workshop

in the street, lead by Urban Bush Women (www.urbanbushwomen.org), literally *moving* people through the History of Hip Hop Dances.

Brooklyn Young Filmmakers Community Filmmaking short film projects are developed in BYFC's "Make A Film" Class Series, that we run in conjunction with New York City College of Technology's Division of Continuing Education (www.citytech.cuny.edu/academics/continuinged).

Brooklyn Young Filmmakers neighborhood goals include using filmmaking as a vehicle:

- 1) to attract artists and craftspeople of all disciplines onto the campus of Fort Greene public housing for teaching/mentoring/collaborations
- 2) to highlight the talented of all ages in public housing and introduced them to new methods and resources to help develop their talents and skills; to explain beginning pathways to those seeking careers in the arts
- 3) to help make the campus of Fort Greene public housing part of the expanding Fort Greene Cultural District

Brooklyn Young Filmmaker director/founder, Trayce Gardner, is to be the recipient of the Trail Blazer Award at the 11th annual Juneteenth Arts Festival, on Saturday June 18, 2011 at Cuyler Gore Park in Greene Brooklyn. The Juneteenth Arts Festival kicks off the SOUL OF BROOKLYN WEEK 2011 (www.soulofbrooklyn.com).

Open Road Park, a sponsor of the June 25th Skate Jam, has spearheaded the development of skate parks around the city. It is currently part of a community coalition to create two new skate parks in Fort Greene:

- 1) A new skate plaza will be opening in the Fall 2011 at the neighborhood school PS 20/Parham Park
<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=215535736309347198287.00049418fe849e8d0af7f&ll=63.074866,-58.535156&spn=41.346024,110.91796&t=h&z=3&iwloc=0004942021d16909e849e>
<http://www.scribd.com/doc/44310206/Schoolyard-to-Modern-Community-Plaza>
- 2) Open Road Park has been working on a Parks Capital design process with Farragut Houses tenants, Parks, AfroPunk, the electeds, and the community for 3 years, to create a skate park at Commodore J. Barry Park. Here are some links:
<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=215535736309347198287.00049418fe849e8d0af7f&ll=64.168107,-73.652344&spn=39.910075,110.917969&t=h&z=3&iwloc=00049bb290b56e528d5e5>
<http://playgrounddesign.blogspot.com/2011/05/afropunk-openroad-2011.html>
<http://www.scribd.com/doc/49169642/Commodore-Barry-Park-Skate-School>
<http://vimeo.com/12965082>