ECMAA July 2019

# Ethiopian Community Mutual Assistance Association ECMAA

# Monthly Newsletter

#### EATURED EVENT

# ECMAA Ethiopian Day Picnic

## September 29th, 2-6 Sakura Park, Harlem

Our annual picnic is scheduled for Sept 29th. We invite you to join us in celebration of the new Ethiopian year, and to hear about the programs and events planned for the coming year.

#### **Amharic Classes**

July 28, 2019 2pm WeWork, 8 W 126th Street Classes for adults and children, register at <u>Amharic Class Sign</u> Up

**Youth Vs. Experience** Rematch, Date to be confirmed. Sign up to play if you've not done so already.

#### **OTHER EVENTS:**

#### Hailu Mergia

July 27, 2019 8pm Industry City, 238 36<sup>th</sup> St. Courtyard 1-2, BKLYN With Kassa Overall's "Blue Swamini" will be performing at Industry City. You can get tickets here.

## **ECMAA Updates**

After a very busy June, July has been a quiet time of reflection and planning. We've developed a draft strategic plan we'll be excited to share at the Ethiopian Day Picnic on September 29, 2019<sup>1</sup>. At the picnic, we'll focus on cultural events for kids and provide a sample of our Amharic class as is our tradition on the last Sunday of the month. Save the Date.

Membership is our greatest asset and our focus for the next year. We will be launching our annual membership campaign. Robust membership makes a significant difference in funding applications as we begin to seek funding to be of more service to the community. We've been spending time discussing our finances and preparing our books and taxes. Formally join ECMAA by completing the <a href="ECMAA Membership Form">ECMAA Membership Form</a>

Please also tell us what you want to see by completing the <u>ECMAA</u> <u>Planning Survey</u>. If you want to know more about us, go to our website at www.ecmaany.org



In case you missed us at the Ethiopian Day Festival at the Children's Museum of the Arts in June, watch a <u>video</u> of Habte Awalom, Genet Tito, Hilina Nunu and Tezeta Roro at the Children's Museum of the Arts. You can also see <u>photos</u> from the day.

Thanks to these three, Board Members and their families and our very own Seble Alemu who did the coffee ceremony, Laila Ashe who took additional lovely photos and a large, young Ethiopian Audience that left us all proud!

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We made a change to the date to prevent a conflict with another event for Medhanialem Church on September 7. ecmaany@gmail.com