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The Historic Mount Morris Park Neighborhood Announces its 21st Annual House Tour Highlighting *Harlem: What's Now, What's New, What's Next.*

Sunday, June 13, from 11 AM to 4 PM.

HARLEM, New York City (May, 2010) — For 21 years, on the second Sunday in June, the Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association (MMPCIA) of Central Harlem has sponsored a self-guided walking tour through the historic neighborhood of Mount Morris Park. During this annual event guests visit inside original and renovated brownstone homes, urban live/work apartments, boutique art galleries and landmark churches.

This year's tour will also feature a visit to the Malcolm Shabazz Mosque, formerly the Wayside Casino, where Malcolm X founded his ministry and brought Black Nationalism to the world's attention and Minton's Playhouse, a jazz club famous for its role in the development of modern jazz, also known as bebop, in the early 1940s, where the likes of Thelonious Monk, Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, pioneered the new music.

Guided walking tours are also scheduled throughout the day led by architectural historians Michael Henry Adams and John Reddick. A NYC Park Ranger will lead tours through Marcus Garvey Park up to the Acropolis where the 153-year-old, landmarked, cast iron Harlem Fire Watchtower still stands.

Tickets are \$25, \$20 in advance. The Tour begins in front of the Pelham Fritz Community Center, West 122 Street and Mount Morris Park West (Fifth Avenue).

For more information on the events of the day, details on how to order tickets and directions to Mount Morris Park, visit <mmpcia.org>.

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About MMPCIA: The Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association, a neighborhood nonprofit 501(c)(3) founded in 1981, is dedicated to preserving and revitalizing the greater Mount Morris Park Historic District, to fostering an environment of open and active opportunities, and to reflect a spectrum of voices, ideas and opinions of those who share the neighborhood.

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