



General announcement, description

The Hostos Center for Arts & Culture and the **Bomplenazo Advisory Committee** is excited to announce: **BOMPLENAZO 2020 WILL HAPPEN!**

Aface months of shut-downs and city-wide quarantines throughout the country and in Puerto Rico, we have resoundingly pushed forward to showcase and honor the bomba and plena practices just as we've done so every two years, since 2000. We are proud to say our BomPlenazo goes digital, completely free and reachable to all. So get ready, because **Bomplenazo 2020 se va pa'l pueblo, October 7th-October 11th!**

This year's festival--**BOMPLENAZO 2020:BOMBA Y PLENA EN ACCIÓN**-- celebrates the bomba and plena legacies of struggle, resistance, and action and resilience. For five days in October, the Festival pays tribute to the roles that *la gente* plenera y bombera, from the island and throughout our communities across the diaspora, have played in Puerto Rico's historical AND recent battles with hurricanes, earthquakes, environmental crisis, political corruption, gender and racial inequities, and most recently, COVID-19. During these times of strife, catastrophe and adversity, it is no surprise that our drums, songs and dances are once again sources of healing, mutual aid, a testament of Afro-Boricua pride and spirit.

The Hostos Center for Arts & Culture, and the BomPlenazo Advisory Committee are excited to announce this five-day digital Bomplenazo featuring 4 concerts, 2 panel discussions, 2 film screenings, and 2 workshops engaging with voices from both the island and the diaspora... Join us on Facebook, Zoom and YouTube, from October 7th -Oct 11th for a preview taste, until we get back to our stages once we overcome the pandemic for an in-person Festival (spring/summer 2021).

All are encouraged to log on, watch, move, screen and comment as we celebrate our elders, our ancestors, and our younger generations. Like our people and music, BomPlenazo is alive and kicking, looking ahead y siempre palante!

All events will be streamed online (zoom, Facebook and YouTube) and are free*.

For details, visit the [Hostos webpage](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Follow and add to the conversation: #BomPlenazoPalPueblo

**Some events require pre-registration and will be streamed exclusively on Zoom webinar.*

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Bomba & Plena En Acción: Bomplenazo 2020's Online fall Festival

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

6:30 - 7:45 PM **Plena Percussion Workshop with Hector "Tito" Matos**
Open to all levels
To watch: zoom only, must pre-register to participate

PRE-REG LINK:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlscOyupjwrGdeG3md0hTyUwtRFNCA_kYus

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm **SPECIAL PARTNER EVENT PRESENTED BY**
The Bronx Music Heritage Center
Percussion Discussion with Hector Tito Matos
To watch: Watch Live on Facebook.com/bxmusic

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

5:30 pm - 6:30pm **Conversatorio - Respuestas en Voz y Movimiento**
A conversation and dialogue with bomberas, pleneras and justice visionaries
Featuring: *Adriana Santoni (PR), Denise Solis (Bay Area, CA), Maria Isa Perez Hedges (Twin Cities, MN), Gloriann Sacha Antonetty Lebrón (PR); and moderated by Marinieves Alba (NYC)*
Co-sponsored by Pregones/PRTT
Panel conversation via zoom, simulcast on Facebook/YouTube.
To Watch: Zoom webinar with simulcast on Facebook and YouTube

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm **Concert and Convo: Redobles de Cultura, RDCNYC**
a premiere of a musical presentation by NYC's own Redobles de Cultura
NYC's next-generation Bomberxs
Following the performance, stay tuned and participate in a meet & greet convo with the band members and Bomplenazo Advisory Committee
Simulcast on Facebook and YouTube

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

5:30pm - 6:45 pm **Bomba Dance Workshop with Julia Cepeda and Denise Solis**
(Taller Bombalele)
Open to all levels
Pre-registration required by October 5th 2020 5pm EST
To watch: zoom only

PRE-REGISTRATION LINK:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrdemgqjijGNduqQz_1kaeNrlGrxtBtXi0



7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Concert and Convos: Plena Combativa
a premiere of a musical presentation by Puerto Rico's
powerful plena ensemble, Plena Combativa

Following the performance, stay tuned and participate in a meet & greet convo with the band members and Bomplenazo Advisory Committee
[Simulcast on Facebook and YouTube](#)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

12pm - 1pm

En Plena Acción - Film Screening & Discussion

A film by Mariana Reyes and Calle Loiza Productions and conversation exploring San Mateo de Cangrejos Plena scene, and our elder's reflections on political corruption, displacement, classism and racism. Panelists/Speakers: Ramon Emilio "Llonsi" Martínez, Roberto Cipreni, Pacho Chin, moderated: Tito Matos

To watch: [Facebook and YouTube simulcast via zoom webinar](#)

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Concert and Convos: Bomba con Buya
a premiere of a musical presentation by Chicago's
powerhouse Bomba ensemble, Bomba con Buya

To watch: [Facebook and YouTube simulcast via zoom](#)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

11:00 - 12:00 pm

Bomba & Plena Community Workshops - learning through Distance

Film screening and discussion capturing Los Pleneros de la 21's online semester of Bomba and Plena teaching
Co-produced by Los Pleneros de la 21

To watch: [Facebook and YouTube simulcast via zoom](#)

3:00 - 4:00 pm

{Closing} concert and Convos: Los Bravitos de la Plena
a premiere of a musical presentation by the next generation
of pleneros in Puerto Rico, Los Bravitos de la Plena

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Simulcast on Facebook and YouTube

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Program Management and curation: Julia L. Gutiérrez-Rivera

The concepts, organization and outreach directed: the BomPlenazo Advisory Committee (Julia L, Gutiérrez-Rivera, Juan J Gutiérrez Rodríguez and César Colón Montijo).

Partnership support provided by: Pregones/PRTT, Los Pleneros de la 21 and the Bronx Music Heritage Center

Production partners and concert venues: Viento de Agua, La Calle Loíza, Taller Comunitario La Goyco, The HoneyBee, and Teatro Pregones/PRTT

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