S.I. Museum at Snug sets opening date

After a $26.8M makeover, Building A will be ready for its big reveal in September

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After four years of construction, the $26.8 million City-funded renovation of Building A into the new home of the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is complete.

Museum staff are currently in the process of outfitting the space with its inaugural exhibitions, which will open to the public with much fanfare from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

We are ecstatic to be opening the doors to our new museum on the grounds of Snug Harbor this fall. We have been working so hard in preparation for this moment and are elated to share our collections with the community.

A rendering of the new Staten Island Museum space at Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden. The museum officially opens to the public on Sept. 19. CREDIT: CITY OF STATEN ISLAND
Age of Ultron" and Lilly's winged Wasp at the end of "Ant-Man."
Their intentions are in the

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terlized DC and Marvel ad-
plications soar on TV, perhaps their superhero sisters will on the big screen, as well.

"We have been working so hard in preparation (of the Staten Island Museum's opening)... and are elated to share our extensive collection with the public," said Cheryl Adolph, interim president and CEO of the Staten Island Museum.

The opening-day festivities will include free admission, the ribbon-cutting ceremony, lawn games for families, food, live music, crafts for kids and some special surprises.

"Staten Island is going through a major transformation right now as people are exploring their neighborhood, their city, their history and discovering how truly incredible this borough is," Adolph said.

"We welcome the curious doers and thinkers from all over New York City and beyond to find those dynamic connections between natural science, art and history that we have been collecting for them since 1881," said the museum's director of public programs.

The museum's permanent collection includes more than 1,000 works of art, a large collection of photographs, and a significant number of artifacts from the borough's history.

The museum also will host an invitation-only preview opening for founding members and major donors on Friday, Sept. 16.

For information on how to receive an invitation, please email altainer@StatenIslandMuseum.org or call 718-483-7119.

The Staten Island Museum's expansion is a dream 80 years in the making, which began when Snug Harbor, the nationally significant historic site, was saved from demolition through the leadership and efforts of its museum members in 1965.

Regular admission and hours for the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor will be the same as the Staten Island Museum on Stuyvesant Place in St. George (which will remain open to the public) and allows access to both locations on the same day.

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