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### MTA Arts for Transit Participates in Apollo Theater's Celebration of Black History Month and Free Open House Weekend

In celebration of African-American History Month, MTA Music Under New York (MUNY) will be front and center at the world famous Apollo Theater—Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th noon-5 pm during Open House Weekend, a free weekend for Harlem community that offers New York City residents and visitors alike a glimpse into the Apollo's rich history as well as the non-profit Theatre's current activities.

Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the Theater where many of entertainment's icons have launched their careers. Open House Weekend will feature displays of Apollo memorabilia, live performances from past winners of the Apollo's signature program, Amateur Night, artists from the Apollo's newest series Apollo Music Café, and multi-media presentations on Apollo Theater history, among a host of other activities.

On Sunday, patrons can watch a live performance on the Apollo Theater's Main stage by **The Body Electric**, members of MTA Music Under New York (MUNY) among the many exciting performances and activities scheduled. The Body Electric is an eight-piece band inspired by the intricate, and electrifying grooves of Afrobeat music. In the last four years, The Body Electric has grown through its original material, drawing upon various groove-oriented influences from the past and present, including indie hip-hop and neo-soul. The Body Electric seeks to push the boundaries of live dance music. In 2011, the group became a member of MUNY, which is one of MTA Arts for Transit's programs to enhance the subway environment for commuters. During the day, an MTA Arts for Transit representative will be available to provide information about MUNY and other Arts for Transit programs and distribute information to the public. Through MUNY, approximately 350 individuals/groups participate in over 7,500 annual performances in 26 designated transit locations. Performances include a variety of styles and music genres that reflect the City's diversity. To add performers to the MUNY roster, annual Auditions are held each spring. To apply for this year's MUNY Audition and/or for additional information, visit [www.mta.info/art](http://www.mta.info/art).

#### About MTA Arts for Transit

MTA Arts for Transit administers the visual and performing arts program for MTA agencies. Among the visual arts programs, artists are commissioned to install site-specific, permanent artworks in subway and commuter rail stations through the Permanent Art Program. Other programs include the Poster programs including the Art Card and Poster program; the Lightbox Project, a series of photography exhibits; and MUNY, one of Arts for Transit's most visible programs in the transit system.

For more information about the Apollo Theater's Open House Weekend, visit <http://www.apollotheater.org/>