

Count yourself in

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THERE are 54 days left until Labor Day, and each one's chock full of ways to party right up to the end of summer '06. Whether it's treating your taste buds to the culinary wonder that is the Chilean hot dog, cooling off with a *piragua* (the Puerto Rican version of an Italian iced), shaking those hips a la Shakira, or catching Julio Iglesias, Victor Manuelle and Ivy Queen at the Coney Island music series, there are still good times on the horizon.

Here are **100** ways for you to commemorate summer — *Latin style*.



GET RIO: "Two Sons of Francisco" is one of the gems being screened at MOMA's Brazil Fest.

Under the stars

The **Handball Court Summer Film** series brings it back home with outdoor screenings of classic films either screened or filmed in Spanish Harlem. The vintage gems reflect a long-term relationship between the Puerto Rican community in Spanish Harlem and its Latin American entertainers. Some of the gems include the classic salsa movie "Our Latin Thing," funnyman Cantinflas' "Romeo y Julieta" and the Lucha Libre classic,

"Santo Contra las Mujeres Vampiras," ("The Saint versus Female Vampires") which, of course, could give Jack Black's "Nacho Libre" a run for its money when it comes to camp value. • **July 15 through Aug. 26, White Park, East 106th St., between Lexington and Third avenues.** (212) 828-0401. *Films screen at sunset.* **FREE.**

Latin Auteurs

The New York International Latino Film Festival is once again taking over



RIDE WITH ME: Model Yolie Cruz in front of Coney Island's legendary Wonder Wheel.

New York City. From July 25-July 30, the Big Apple will host some of the hottest films featuring Latino filmmaker's, actors, directors, writers and producers.

Film categories range from international, domestic, documentary and shorts. One of this year's highlights is the NYILFF Family Weekend, featuring movies, arts, crafts, games, free popcorn and drinks, promises to make this a fun-

filled weekend for the entire family.

Don't miss Cinema Under the Stars, an outdoor screening of one of the all-time greatest films, "West Side Story," featuring the iconic Rita Moreno — it will be shown at Sundown (8:30 p.m.) on Friday, July 28 **FREE** of charge. • **July 25-July 30.** (646) 723-1428. www.nylatinofilm.com

— Eneida DelValle

Viva Brazil

If you still can't get over Brazil's World Cup loss, be lifted by the art of South America's largest country. **Premiere Brazil**, MOMA's annual Brazilian film fest, will show over 11 works like a newly restored print of Marcel Camus' Oscar-winning "Orfeu Negro" (Black Orpheus, 1959) and the New York premiere of Breno Silveira's "2 Filhos de Francisco" (Two Sons of Francisco, 2005). • **July 13-July 23.** MOMA, 11 W. 53rd St., between Fifth and Sixth avenues, (212) 708-9400 or www.moma.org. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$6 full-time students.

Sporting chance

You can watch or play, but know that it gets quite competitive at the these notable parks where hot, sweaty and sultry Latinos can be found bringing their A-game.

Fútbol

■ **Red Hook Recreational Center**, 155 Bay Street, at Clinton Street., Brooklyn.

■ **McCarren Park**, Bedford Avenue at Union Avenue, between Lorimer and Driggs streets.

■ **Flushing Meadows Corona Park**, Grand Central Pkwy at Van Wyck Expwy. Queens.

Beisbol

■ **East River Park** Grand St. & FDR, Houston St. & FDR, and 10th Street. Manhattan. *BBQ equipment is available.*

■ **Dyckman**, Dyckman St. & Hudson River

■ **Pelham Bay Park-Rice Stadium**, Stadium Avenue and Middletown Rd. The Bronx.

Basketball

■ **Monsignor Kett Playground**, W. 204th Street and Nagles Avenue. Here Dyckman Basketball tournaments take place every Friday night where La Kalle's DJ Spin One also plays the best of reggaeton.

Stickball

■ Check out the stickball phenoms—young and old. Every Sunday till Sept. on 109th St., bet. 2nd and Third avenues. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on obtaining permits for large tournaments, contact (212) 408-0226. NYCgovparks.org

ROCK YOUR BODY...

It's the battle of the rockero bands at the second annual **Alternafest**. Over 28 bands are divided into two categories, Rock Alternativo and Rock Metal, and will compete to be *el más chingón*, the top dog. Pre-selected bands compete for four spots with prizes adding up to \$40,000. • **July 6-Aug.14.** www.alternafest.com.

The 100% Colombian concert will feature the greatest acts from the land of *macondo* — **Grupo Niche, Jorge Celedón y Jimmy Zambrano, Jean Carlos Centeno, Herbert Vargas, Lisandro Mesa, Helenita Vargas** and more. • **July 14, Theatre at Madison Square Garden, Seventh Ave. at 32nd Street.** Call Ticketmaster at (212) 307-7171. 8 p.m. \$55-\$99.50.

Experience old-world flamenco charm in a comfortable and laid-back cabaret-style setting at "**Pasion Flamenca**." The featured dancers are Maria de los Angeles and Danica de Leon. Reserve your table in advance so you can secure the best view. • **July 15, Alegrias En La Nacional Flamenco Theater**, 239 W. 14th St., between Seventh and Eighth avenues. (917) 667-2695 or visit www.alegrias.com. Doors open 7:30 p.m., performances at 8:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and 11 p.m. and midnight. \$15.

Causing fan fury everywhere they go, the mxy pop Mexican group **RBD** takes

Manhattan. • **July 15, Madison Square Garden.** Call Ticketmaster at (212) 307-7171. 8 p.m. \$49.50 to \$115.



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Rosario's smooth side

ROSARIO DAWSON goes low-key in this summer's funny flick "Clerks II," playing a laid-back fast-food manager who works with foul-mouthed New Jersey underachievers Dante Hicks (Brian O' Halloran) and Randal Graves (Jeff Anderson).

With disturbing, possibly offensive scenes (drug dealer Jay of Jay and Silent Bob applies chap stick, squeezes his nipples while mimicking an infamous scene from "Silence of the Lambs"), clearly "Clerks II" is off the hook.

After Randal goes on a slur-filled outburst targeting almost every race, Becky snaps and uses more profanity — Dawson's precious mouth going where it has never gone before.

The 27-year-old captures the unique humor of writer and director Kevin Smith — a k a Silent Bob — quite well.

For moviegoers who don't want to think too much, only wanting a good laugh, that's exactly what they'll get with "Clerks II" — plus, a version of Rosario never before seen on the big screen. — Mercedes Sanchez

See a different side of the lovely Rosario Dawson in "Clerks II" opening July 21st.