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July 30 - August 16, 2019

### West African Dance with Nafisa Sharriff

Company: Clark Center NYC  
Venue: El Barrio Art Space PS 109  
Location: New York, NY

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Nafisa Sharriff

CLARK CENTER CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
WITH 4 DAYS OF PROGRAMMING

August 14 - 17, 2019

In Association with City Parks Foundation,  
Marcus Garvey Park & El Barrio ArtSpace

Featuring Dance Instruction, Performances, Demonstrations, Film Screening & More

FREE Admission

Clark Center NYC is pleased to continue its series of events celebrating the 60th anniversary of the initial founding of the Clark Center for the Performing Arts. For 30 years Clark Center trained dancers, encouraged emerging companies, provided opportunities for dancers of color and identified and developed new choreographic talent under the inspired leadership of Louise Roberts and Kathy Grant. Sadly, the center became the victim of gentrification and was forced to officially close its doors in 1989. Clark Center NYC, now a 501c3 nonprofit, was created in 2013 by a handful of dancers to preserve the history and legacy of their beloved Center. Clark Center NYC is proud to present the following anniversary events.

West African Dance with Nafisa Sharriff - FREE Admission

Friday, August 16, 2019

6:00 pm

El Barrio's Artspace

215 E 99th St, New York, NY 10029

Nafisa Sharriff - Reverend Nafisa Sharriff is a master teacher and choreographer of traditional West African folklore from the Old Malian Empire. She met Baba Chuck Davis when she was 17 years old and went on to become a principal dancer in his company for 10 years. Throughout her illustrious 40-year career, Reverend Nafisa has performed with Stevie Wonder, Whitney Houston, Spike Lee, TC Carson, C&C Music Factory, and Kairaba West African Dance Company. Her television credits include performances on The Richard Pryor Show, Dance Black America, and Positively Black. Beyond her dance career Reverend Nafisa Sharriff is an ordained Interfaith Minister and the founder and CEO of Entering the Holy of Holies, An Institute of Learning and Healing, Inc. (ETHOH). Through ETHOH Reverend Nafisa conducts classes,

workshops, seasonal cleanses, a Woman's Rite of Passage, and retreats in meditation, stress management, inner healing, and Spiritual Tools for Transformation. She teaches a free traditional West African dance class in Harlem, New York where everyone is welcomed into her family of Love.

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