

# NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

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## SNAPSHOTS OF CONEY ISLAND

*AfterHours program at the Transit Museum on Tuesday, October 4*

For nearly 100 years, Coney Island has been one of Brooklyn's most iconic destinations. For creative photographers interested in documenting New York City's people, landscape, and attractions, Coney Island has provide a rich subject for nearly as long. On Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, join photographer **Elaine Norman, Larry Racioppo, Doug Ross, and Norman Borden** in conversation with the Transit Museum's Associate Curator **Jodi Shapiro** for a discussion on Coney Island's transformation as seen through their cameras' lenses.

Featured panelists include:

**Elaine Norman** is an artist, illustrator, and designer who lives and works in New York City. She studied Fine Art at the Pratt Institute and pursued additional coursework at the School of Visual Arts and the International Center of Photography. Her work has been exhibited in museums and galleries nationwide, including the New York Transit Museum, the Museum of the City of New York, and the Brooklyn Public Library. Learn more at [www.be.net/elainenorman](http://www.be.net/elainenorman).

**Larry Racioppo** is a New York City photographer whose work focuses on the urban landscape. In 1989, he became the Staff Photographer for New York City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), and in 1997, he received a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship for his series of large panoramic urban landscapes. He retired from HPD in 2011 and continues photographing throughout New York City, returning often to South Brooklyn and Coney Island. Learn more at <http://larryracioppo.com/>.

**Doug Ross** is an accomplished commercial photographer with over twenty years of professional experience providing imagery for the cosmetic, luxury retail, food and corporate industries. His personal Coney Island photography projects are dedicated in memory of his father and have been exhibited in museums and galleries throughout New York City, including the New York Transit Museum, the SoHo Gallery for Digital Art, Coney Island USA Shooting Gallery/Arts Annex, and a digital presentation at the Museum of Modern Art. Learn more at <http://www.dougrossphotography.com/>.

**Norman Borden** is a native New Yorkers, and mostly self-taught photographer, who is old enough to remember seeing the Parachute Jump in operation. He is a member artist of the Soho

Photo Gallery, and his work has been in juried group shows at the New Orleans Photo Alliance, the Darkroom Gallery in Vermont, and the Griffin Museum of Photography in Winchester, MA. In September, one of his images was chosen for display on “The Curated Fridge” at Photoville in Brooklyn Bridge Park. Learn more at <http://www.normanbordenphoto.com/>.

**Jodi Shapiro**, Associate Curator at the New York Transit Museum, will moderate the discussion. She is the co-curator of the Transit Museum’s exhibition, *Five Cents to Dreamland: A Trip to Coney Island*. Prior to joining the Transit Museum, Jodi worked as a journalist, an educator, and an archivist for several artists’ estates, including a number of world-renowned photographers.

Tickets are available at [www.nytransitmuseum.org/ConeyIslandSnapshots](http://www.nytransitmuseum.org/ConeyIslandSnapshots) for \$10 (free for Museum members). Visit [www.nytransitmuseum.org/programs](http://www.nytransitmuseum.org/programs) for more information on Transit Museum programs and to purchase tickets.

**New York Transit Museum** programs explore the history, ingenuity, and inner workings of the transit system that is the lifeblood of our region. *AfterHours* at the Transit Museum provides an extended opportunity to explore the museum and features panels and programs with experts from the MTA, and the design, urban planning, and engineering fields – all set against the backdrop of the Museum’s 1936 decommissioned subway station.

*Snapshots of Coney Island* is presented in conjunction with the exhibit, **Five Cents to Dreamland: A Trip to Coney Island**, now on view at the Transit Museum in Downtown Brooklyn.

**What:** Snapshots of Coney Island

**Where:** New York Transit Museum  
Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street, Downtown Brooklyn

**When:** Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 – 8:30pm

**Admission:** \$10 / Free for Museum Members

To purchase tickets online, visit:  
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