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33rd Fort Greene House Tour – Sunday, May 1, 2016 – Noon to 5:00pm – a self-guided walking tour

“The ♥ of Downtown Brooklyn” is the theme of this year’s vibrant tour.

Sponsored by the non-profit Fort Greene Association, this informative self-guided walking tour reveals how our cherished historic homes enhance the thriving new Brooklyn Cultural District. “The ♥ of Downtown Brooklyn” tour provides an inside look into one of Brooklyn’s most sought-after neighborhoods featuring several wonderful homes in styles ranging from the Gilded Age to 21st Century sleek. There is even one rear garden laid out with a small temple honoring Venus holding the “Apple of Deceit,” and an architrave atop Corinthian columns – all sort of a Greco-Roman Disneyland.

This year’s special feature – by reservation only via PayPal – is a guided tour of the famous Brooklyn Academy of Music’s Howard Gilman Opera House, including a visit to its magical back stage. Built in the Italian Renaissance style, this grand opera house was designed by the architects Herts and Tallant who also did the Lyceum Theatre in Manhattan. When BAM was completed in 1908, the opening opera was Charles Gounod’s *Faust*, starring the celebrated Enrico Caruso and Geraldine Ferrar. Today, BAM features world-class performances typified by the Next Wave Festival and Dance Africa.

Also featured – if reserved via Pay Pal – is a stop in Fort Greene Park, allowing a visit to the historic Fort Greene Park Prison Ship Martyrs Monument, which commemorates the remains of over 11,000 Revolutionary War patriots who were imprisoned by the British and died aboard prison ships in Wallabout Bay.

“The ♥ of Downtown Brooklyn” tour begins in front of BAM at 30 Lafayette Avenue, corner of Ashland Place in Fort Greene. Advance sale tickets are \$25 (cash only) or via PayPal. A list of local purchase locations for advance tickets is available online at our website, fgahousetour.org. Day of tour tickets are \$30, cash only, available only at BAM.

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