

Manny Cantor Center
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Moving Stories: An exhibition featuring the photographic journey
of older adults on the Lower East Side**
Weinberg Center for Balanced Living
Manny Cantor Center
197 East Broadway, New York City, NY, 10002
December 13 - ongoing

OPENING RECEPTION: Tuesday, October 13th 2015 | 12:30–2:00 PM



"Ritualarium," Mikvah of the Lower East Side, 313 Grand Street

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**Take a journey through the not so secret tunnels of Knickerbocker Village,
witness the demise of the Pathmark, enter the ritual mikvah...**

New York, NY – Moving Stories: a senior led walking tour is an exhibition featuring the photographic journey of senior citizens on the Lower East Side displayed in eight fold out guides. An opening reception will take place on December 13th from 12:30 – 2PM celebrating the work at the 4th floor gallery at the Manny Cantor Center, Educational Alliance.



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Organized by artist Laura Nova, Moving Stories is an interactive walking tour on the Lower East Side that encourages senior citizens to combine physical movement and memory developed through a series of storytelling workshops and group walks. Created in partnership with the Weinberg Center for Balanced Living at the Manny Cantor Center, this immersive journey unravels stories of people and places and preserving personal identity, community and connection.

Nova coached the weekly photographic workshop and walking group from the Weinberg Center for Balanced Living, combining physical movement and memory to reveal personal stories about the Lower East Side. On each trek, the group guided and told location-based stories while considering how their neighborhood is changing. Some of these seniors have lived on the Lower East Side all of their lives. Others are newer, not just to the neighborhood, but the United States. Workshops took place at unexpected and evocative sites where the seniors experiment with visual storytelling.

Concentrating on the Lower East Side, Canal St. to Houston St., East River to Bowery, this project encompasses a wide demographic. No longer relying on outsider tour guides, viewers can directly connect to the residents and receive a personal immersive experience. The aim of Moving Stories is to provide a tool to physically engage people across cultures, generations, and history, and to connect more strongly with the community.

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About Laura Nova

Laura Nova is a NYC based artist and educator whose work focuses on the dynamics of social interaction through consumption, cardio, and comedy. Her work has been featured at the New Museum, the Museum at Eldridge Street, the Brooklyn Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Real Art Ways and many galleries including the Substation Gallery in Johannesburg, South Africa and the National Arts Center in Tokyo, Japan. She has received grants from the National Endowment of the Arts, New York State Council of the Arts, PBS/POV and the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council. She has been published in DNAinfo, New York Magazine, Hyperallergic and WNYC. Her residencies include SPARC (Seniors Partnering with Artists Citywide), the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island National Monument, Governors Island, Vermont Studio Center and LMCC Workspace. She has a B.F.A. and B.A. from Cornell University and an M.F.A.



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from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is currently an Associate Professor of Expanded Media in the Creative Art and Technology program at Bloomfield College and the 2016 recipient of the LMCC President's Award in Visual Art.

About Manny Cantor Center

Manny Cantor Center is a living laboratory of the universal Jewish values of inclusion, diversity, and community. Housed in the flagship building of historic Educational Alliance, the newly-renovated space offers award-winning programs, critical services and exciting events for toddlers, teens, young adults, and older adults of all backgrounds. We work for and with our vibrant and diverse neighborhood to create experiences that make a difference in our lives and in our world.

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