



The City Reliquary

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Returning the Spirit of Hal to the Wilderness



Hal evading police in Central Park 2006.

In late March 2006 a one-year-old, 35 lb coyote mysteriously appeared in New York City's Central Park. Over the next two days Hal (named after the Hallett Nature Sanctuary where park workers first confronted him) created a news sensation leading police, helicopters and confused onlookers on a two-day chase around the park before being felled by a tranquilizer dart. Hal then died unexpectedly during a routine tagging procedure prior to being released into the wild.

It was speculated that the coyote came from Westchester County, either swimming Spuyten Duyvil Creek, or walking over a bridge to get to Manhattan. But why would Hal come all the way to New York City? His presence inspired a spectrum of reactions from fear to fascination.

This year, the third anniversary of the coyote's death, the City Reliquary will hold a memorial event and send-off for Dillon de Give who will attempt to trace Hal's path from Westchester in reverse, as a reciprocal human journey. Visitors are invited to bring a small gift or message inspired by Hal. The objects will be taken on the journey and distributed along the path, forming a temporary 40-mile monument.

Dillon de Give will speak about his piece, Matt Levy will discuss the vision of Central Park as the world's first man-made naturalistic park, Kay Turner, Brooklyn Arts Council Folklorist will speak about the coyote in folklore and trickster tales, and the City Reliquary will screen some Wile E. Coyote cartoons. There will be an open floor for everyone to share their memories of Hal, and the event will conclude with a group coyote howl in our spacious backyard.

Sunday March 29, 2009, 5pm, Free.
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Located at 370 Metropolitan Avenue in Williamsburgh, Brooklyn, The City Reliquary Museum & Civic Organization provides a wide array of services to the community. As a certified 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, we are committed to serving the people of New York City – natives, newcomers, and passersby. Originally established as a window-front display only museum in 2002 at the corner of Grand and Havemeyer Sts, it moved into its present location in 2006 and is committed to plan and host public events, which provide neighbors and visitors with a place to meet, exchange ideas, and celebrate the diversity of our community.

The City Reliquary's hours are: Saturday and Sunday: 12pm – 6pm. Admission to the museum is by suggested donation. For general information, please visit the Museum's website www.cityreliquary.org or call 718. R U CIVIC.