

Listings

PHOTOGRAPHY

'Grand Illusions'

Aug. 10-Jan. 18, 2016
Metropolitan Museum of Art
1000 Fifth Ave.
Free with admission,
Metmuseum.org

In the digital age, we know that there's a vast chasm between reality and what a picture depicts. But the art of staging photos for dramatic effect dates back to the very birth of the art form. A new exhibit opening at the Met this weekend shows 40 famously staged photographs to examine their purpose.

BOOKS

Felicia Day

Aug. 10, 7 p.m.
Housing Works Bookstore Cafe
126 Crosby St., Brooklyn
\$25.99, Wordbookstores.com
Felicia Day knows a thing or two about making her way on the Internet as a female nerd. She'll talk about it all to promote her new memoir, "You're Never Weird on the Internet (Almost)." Your ticket includes a copy of the book.

MUSIC

Michael Jackson Tribute Band

Aug. 8, 7 p.m.
Highline Ballroom, 431 16th St.
\$20+, Highlineballroom.com

Even before we lost the King of Pop, there was a continent-crossing tribute band booking out shows with his catalog. Who's Bad returns to NYC this Friday for a one-night-only show. The group includes professionally trained dancers taking on Jackson's signature moves and a party atmosphere guaranteed to get the audience grooving too.

PARTY

Dog Day of Summer Show

Aug. 10, 9 p.m.
Pine Box Rock Shop
12 Grattan St., Brooklyn
Free, Pineboxrockshop.com

Since you're sweating already, you might as well hit the dance floor. Spend Monday night showing off your best moves as some of the city's hottest up-and-coming hip-hop artists deliver a full night of pulse-pounding music, including



MUSIC

New York Pops

Aug. 6 & 7, 7:30 p.m.
Forest Hills Stadium
1 Tennis Place, Queens
\$10-\$129, Newyorkpops.org

The fabulous New York Pops will be returning to Carnegie Hall for a new season this October. Until then, catch them at their new summer home, Forest Hills Stadium in Queens. On Thursday, Broadway's Sutton Foster will be singing with the Pops, and Friday they will play alongside Pink Martini — a civic-minded band whose hits have been popular on dance floors and as protest anthems.

PROVIDED

Bramage, Dan Dillinger, Henny Mack, Lars Viola and Syanide. To be sure the music never stops, After Them Music will also provide a live DJ set.

contributed by 70 international artists spanning the director's career — with affordable prints for sale.

extra hustle in the dragon boat race Sunday. Musical, dance, singing and other performances will round out the cultural festival.

ARTS

Wes Anderson Art Exhibit

Aug. 6-9
Joseph Gross Gallery
548 28th St.
\$5+, Josephgrossgallery.com
San Francisco's Wes Anderson tribute show "Bad Dads" comes to Manhattan after five years on the West Coast. The homages were

CULTURE

Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival

Aug. 8-9, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Flushing Meadows Park
Free, HKDBF-NY.org
This weekend is the 25th year of the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in Queens, so expect a next-level celebration during the parade on Saturday and some

FILM FEST

Richard Lester: Running Jumping Pop Iconoclast

Aug. 7-13
Lincoln Center's Walter Reade Theater, 165 W. 65th St.
Filmlinc.com
Richard Lester directed the two big Beatles movies, the middle two original Superman films and the beloved "Three Musketeers"

films in the '70s. But from the early '60s through the late '80s, he created films as dizzying in technique as they are cutting — fast-paced, perpetually creative satires that belie his bemused concern for the human race. Of the 13, sometimes hard-to-find films at Lincoln Center's Lester retro, you shouldn't pass up "Petulia," his savage yet humane look at San Fran in the Summer of Love; "Juggernaut," his cool-tempered semi-disaster movie; and "The Knack," his deceptively savage Swinging' London survey with fine pratfalls from Michael Crawford.

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Neta's
savory
Japanese
'oyster'

Oysters are delicious, but some serious texture issues have made us leery — it only takes one gritty bivalve to spoil the party. So we're thrilled about this savory "oyster" entry on the omakase menu at Neta (61 W. Eighth St.) The Greenwich Village's modern Japanese restaurant changed concepts this spring, becoming omakase-focused and turning out a fine-dining menu by Per Se and Le Bernardin alum Sungchul Shim. The dish retains all its umami goodness, with a dollop of uni and the rice cracker "shell" made with squid ink, but inside is a bite of panko-fried Wagyu beef in ginger-kurozu sauce. It's a lovely, slightly unbelievable bite that will seriously satisfy when fall blows in but you're still longing for a taste of summer. And starting this week, Neta is launching lunch service Friday through Sunday with a 10-course omakase menu that includes this dish for \$95. Eva Kis

MICHAEL TULIPAN

GAME

Escape the Room 'DIG'

Through March 8
Escape the Room NYC
 22 Little West 12th
 Free, digescapetheroom.com
 The USA network is kicking off a new murder mystery series called "DIG" on March 5. To promote the show, why not lock a bunch of strangers in a room together and see if they can survive — er, escape. Pairing with Room Escape Adventures, USA is inviting the non-claustrophobic lot to RSVP for free 30-minute sessions where participants (up to 10) solve riddles and find clues in order to find the key that will let them out. Slots are filling up fast; the first challenge is how fast you can round up your friends and commit.

FOOD

Bronx Academy of Letters Chef's Tasting Benefit

March 4, 7-9:30 p.m.
Edison Ballroom
 240 W. 47th St.
 \$125 and up, 501auctions.com/bronxletters
 Sample some of the city's top dining establishments while supporting education and the arts with Urban Assembly. The ticket price isn't too steep if you consider that you'll be feasting on fare from Momofuku, The Spotted Pig, Baby Cakes, Montmartre, Flatiron Room and Le Bernadin all in one night. This year's event, "Food for Thought," honors publishers Reagan Arthur and Susan Kamil.

THEATER

Frigid Festival

Through March 8
Multiple venues and times
 Prices vary, horsetrade.info
 The people making the little, experimental plays of today are the people who'll be creating the big, world-changing theater of tomorrow. And Frigid Festival, now in its ninth year and produced by Horse Trade Theater Group, gives those artists a platform as they're starting out and exploring their voices. More importantly, all revenue generated from ticket sales goes directly to the participating companies.

FILM

NY International Children's Film Festival

ARTS



PROVIDED

The Art Show

March 4-8
Park Avenue Armory, 643 Park Ave.; \$25, www.henrystreet.org
 If you don't have time to browse all of the city's constantly changing art shows and galleries, you can make up for your fine cultural deficit in one day at The Art Show, where more than 72 dealers will display their collections. One of the longest-running art fairs in the U.S. — it was founded in 1989 — it originated (and continues) as a benefit for the Henry Street Settlement, which offers social services to Lower East Side residents. If you'd like a more intimate experience, there's a gala preview night March 3 with tickets priced at \$175.

COMING UP



GETTY IMAGES

Ed Sheeran

May 31, 7:30 p.m.
Barclays Center, 620 Atlantic Ave.; \$65-\$85,
www.barclayscenter.com
 Singer-songwriter and U.K. darling Ed Sheeran will serenade Brooklyn with his smooth vocals May 31. Be among the first to snag tickets when they go on sale at 10 a.m. this Friday. His opening acts and set list haven't been released yet, but we can assume he'll feature hits from 2014's "X," which was nominated this year for Best Pop Vocal Album and Album of the Year at the Grammys. Watch out for the rabid One Direction fans though; his work on their albums earns him tween affection by proxy.

THEATER

'The Rap Guide to Religion'

Through March 29
SoHo Playhouse, 15 Vandam St.; \$45, www.sohoplayhouse.com
 While you're waiting to see "Hamilton" this summer when it makes the move from the Public Theater to Broadway, you can get your dose of fast-paced, fact-based theater in "The Rap Guide to Religion," which has just been extended through March 29. Written and performed by Baba Brinkman, "Rap Guide" combines comedy, music and trivia about the highlights and flaws of faith, from ancient times through today.



RUDY MILLER

Through March 22
Multiple cinemas and times
 \$8-\$450, www.gkids.com
 This weekend kicks off the 18th year for the monthlong fest, which focuses on creating smart and inspirational movies for children and teenagers. Along with 100 live-action, animated and experimental films, the festival includes workshops, galas, audience voting and Q&As.

HISTORY

Black History at Green-Wood

Sat. 1-3 p.m.
Green-Wood Cemetery
 500 25th St., Brooklyn
 \$20, www.green-wood.com
 Close out Black History Month by learning about some of New York City's notable African-American residents. Board a trolley for a two-hour ride past the resting places of black luminaries and abolitionists while learning about the city's role in the civil rights movement. Sites visited and stories shared include those of Susan Smith McKinney Steward, the first African-American female doctor in the state, and Jeremiah Hamilton, New York's first black millionaire.

Lincoln Speaks

Through June 7
Morgan Library & Museum
 225 Madison Ave.
 \$18, www.themorgan.org
 This year marks the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination. Take a look back at his legacy at Lincoln Speaks, an exhibition at the Morgan Museum & Library that examines the 11th president's commitment to liberating slaves and changing the course of civil rights in America through manuscripts, portraits, letters and books from Lincoln's own collection.

CULTURE

Persian Festival

March 1-22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Children's Museum of the Arts
 103 Charlton St.
 \$11, www.cmany.org
 For seven years, the Children's Museum of the Arts has used the months of January, February and March to highlight three new cultures. Coming up is a celebration of Persia as part of 2015's focus on Asia. General admission to the museum gets you access to the special festivities as well, which include music, dance, theater and storytelling from the featured community. The Asian American Alliance helps shape the programming and art-making workshops.

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DOG DAY

Cocktails for Canines

Man's best friend gets even more bestie bonus points for standing beside their veteran pals thanks to Warrior Canine Connection, which pairs trained pups with former soldiers with PTSD. You can support the charity with Cocktails for Canines, a "yappy hour" thrown by Michael Jordan's The Steakhouse NYC and Tito's Handmade Vodka. It's free to come meet the four-legged support soldiers and pups-in-training while sipping drinks or buying gourmet dog bones for the cause. **Aug. 24, noon-6 p.m., MJ's The Steakhouse NYC, 23 Vanderbilt Ave., free, michaeljordansnyc.com**

COMEDY

Awkward Sex... and the City

Come celebrate four years of "Awkward Sex... and the City," a comedy show where the cast opens up about their true and mortifying sexual encounters from first-times to last-nights, with no holds barred in between. Friday's lineup features Krystyna Hutchinson, Cara Stigs and Angela Perrone. As part of the anniversary revelry, audience members will enjoy free wine and beer, plus 15% off store merchandise and a raffle for \$40 gift cards to Pleasure Chest. **Aug. 25, 8-9:30 p.m., Pleasure Chest, 1150 Second Ave., \$15-\$20, thepleasurechest.com**

FILM

The Met's Summer HD Festival

The Metropolitan Opera and Film Society of Lincoln Center join forces to share some of opera's

SUMMER



FLIP WOLAK

Jazz Age Lawn Party

Michael Arenella and his Dreamland Orchestra return to Governors Island this weekend with summer's second and last Jazz Age Lawn Party. Thousands of rug-cutting music lovers (or just people who love a grand themed picnic) in 1920s-styled costumes will spend an afternoon sipping custom gin cocktails and rose, revive bygone dance styles or just enjoy the big band and swing tunes. Sunday features a pie-baking contest, croquet tournament and children's parade. **Aug. 26-27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Governors Island, \$45-\$5,000, jazzagelawnparty.com**

grandest stories — starring some of this century's greatest vocal talents — with thousands of New Yorkers for free over the course of nine nights. A selection of hits from the Met's Live in HD series will be projected onto a giant screen above 3,000 seats filling the iconic Lincoln Center Plaza. Titles include "The Magic Flute," "Tristan and Isolde," "Rigoletto" and "La Traviata." **Aug. 25-Sept. 4, 8 p.m., Met Opera House, 70 Lincoln Center Plaza, free, metopera.org**

PARADE

Great NYC Go Topless Parade

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Great NYC Go Topless Parade, which may sound like just a lot of fun and some body freedom, but it's also part of a

movement to demonstrate gender equality and bodily autonomy. Participants will meet in Midtown, at 58th Street between Eighth and Ninth avenues, and then march with midrifts and above bared down to Bryant Park. Both men and women are encouraged to join with those already participating around the nation. **Aug. 26, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 330 W. 58th St. to Bryant Park, free, gotopless.org**

COMEDY

Closing Night Surprise Party Comedy Show!

On the final night of the weeklong Brooklyn Comedy Festival, head to an event that's half-party and half-performance starring guests from throughout the fest. The "surprise" part also comes in handy as the

fest celebrates its fifth anniversary this year, so this is like throwing a surprise party where the gag is really for the guests — except that unlike other 5-year-old birthday parties, there's copious alcohol, so everyone needs to be 21+. **Aug.**

26, 8-11 p.m., Brooklyn Bizarre, 150 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn, \$10-\$15, bkcomedyfestival.com

KARAOKE

Under Pressure: Queen & David Bowie Sing-Along

Group karaoke means the freedom to belt as loud as you do in the shower — and this one's going to be epic. It's an all-nighter of '80s rock, exclusively featuring hits by Queen and David Bowie, with lyrics projected on a screen. Liquid courage comes with themed drinks like the Major Tom and the Goblin King; there will also be a costume contest. And if you can't speak on Sunday, it's not like you didn't know what you were getting into, rockstar. **Aug. 26, 9:45 p.m., Union Hall, 702 Union St., Brooklyn, \$10, unionhallny.com**

FOOD

Kimchipalooza

Korea's fermented delicacy is making a play for your tastebuds at the seventh annual Kimchipalooza, sponsored by Mama O's. Taking place at Arrogant Swine in Williamsburg, you'll chow down

on Carolina-style barbecue, enjoy Mama O's drink specials, sample kimchi and create your own, accompanied by DJ Ibe and live bands. You can also take part in a kimchi-eating contest for the chance to claim true kimchi love once and for all. Plus, it's free! **Aug. 27, 2-8 p.m., Arrogant Swine, 173 Morgan Ave., Brooklyn, free, kimchirules.com**

FILM

Brooklyn Comedy Film Festival Presents: Shorts

Nurse your hangover from this week's Brooklyn Comedy Festival at Nitehawk Cinema with the Brunch Shorts Program. It's nine bizarre movies in 90 minutes, ranging in topic from ranch hands who are also magicians on the side to a story about a city that tries to make it big by hosting a balloonfest. There's also improv, an imaginary creature, a double sexual identity crisis and a monster hunter. Hey, there's a good chance you'll laugh during at least three of them! **Aug. 27, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Nitehawk Cinema, 136 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn, \$16, nitehawkcinema.com**

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PROVIDED

Park Slope Fifth Avenue Summer Stroll

The last of this summer's Park Slope Fifth Avenue Summer Strolls takes place this weekend, offering free fitness classes, face painting, a dance party, live music, a car show, a climbing wall and more. One of the trendy Brooklyn neighborhood's most popular streets closes so that residents and visitors alike can explore local venues, socialize, shop, eat and drink while supporting the Business Improvement District's development efforts and community initiatives. **Aug. 26, 5-9 p.m., Fifth Ave. from Dean st. to Sterling st., Brooklyn, free, parkslopefifthavenuebid.com**



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FILM



PARAMOUNT PICTURES

SummerScreen

Tis the season for free outdoor movie screenings, and one of the best fests returns this month to McCarren Park. SummerScreen offers free live music and food vendors starting at 7 p.m. Films play at sundown each Wednesday in July and August. It kicks off next week with "Mean Girls," and the run also includes titles like "Selena" and "Donnie Darko."

July 5-Aug. 9, 7 p.m., Brooklyn, free, summerscreen.org

Nitehawk's Back10

Williamsburg's dine-in theater takes movie lovers back in time with a new series kicking off this weekend. Back10: 2007 showcases 19 films that came out exactly a decade ago, ranging from "Superbad" and "Juno" to "There Will Be Blood" and "No Country for Old Men." It kicks off Friday with a brunch screening of "Live Free or Die Hard," part of a Fourth of July lineup that also includes two showings of "Jaws" with Narragansett and lobster rolls. June 30-Aug. 26, Nitehawk Cinema, 136 Metropolitan Ave., \$12, nitehawkcinema.com

"Independence Day" Drinking Game

Sometimes we all feel like Jeff Goldblum, sitting on the floor of a secret government facility and chugging beer because nothing matters anymore. These days, it's great escapism to see America rally with the rest of the world to defeat a common foe. And the perfect time to do that is Fourth of July Eve at Videology, while playing a drinking game with your fellow late-'90s Will Smith fans.

July 3, 6 p.m., Videology, 308 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, \$12, videologybarandcinema.com

SUMMER

That Summer Feeling Pop-Up

Where better to check out swim-suits than poolside? L.A.-based beachwear brand 323 Clothing is showing off its latest line at a pop-up party in Bushwick this Saturday. Browse everything from bathing suits to towels while swimming or soaking up rays and sipping complimentary cocktails. A percentage of sales goes to Planned Parenthood and the International Rescue Committee. RSVP to hello@323.clothing, July 1, 1:30-5:30 p.m., 1271 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, 323.clothing

WALKING DEAD

Zombie Crawl

This heat might make you feel like the walking dead, but you can go all-out with the theme at Williamsburg. Start with a pizza

party at the Charleston, where you can have your makeup done for \$10, then follow the horde of the undead down Bedford Avenue to McCarren Park to surprise some ironic kickballers. Stop by Bar A for PBR deals, then hit the after-party at Brooklyn Bazaar (8:30 p.m.), with musical acts and a show by Everything Is Terrible.

July 2, 4 p.m., The Charleston, 174 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, \$20-\$25, nyczombiecraw.com

MUSIC

Seaport Concert Series

Celebrate the Fourth at the first of a two-part outdoor concert series at South Street Seaport. David Sanborn (six-time Grammy Award-winning saxophonist), trumpeter Maurice Mobetta Brown and the Hypnotic Brass Ensemble are on hand for some Independence Day tunes, followed Aug. 3 by an Evening of Glassnote Music featuring Robert Delong and Baio (of Vampire Weekend). July 4 & Aug. 3, Seaport District's Summer Stage, Fulton St. at Front St., free, southstreetseaport.com

ARTS

International African Arts Festival

Celebrate our nation's rich cultural inheritance from Africa at the International African Arts Festival. Events include dance workshops, seminars like the Symposium on Culture, Community & Struggle, a marketplace and a food court. There are also live performances from artists including KuluMele (a dance and drumming ensemble), 3hree for Louis (a Louis Armstrong tribute band) and Tito Puente Jr. July 1-4, Commodore Barry Park, Navy St. btwn Flushing and Park Aves., Brooklyn Suggested Donation: \$5 iaafestival.org

PARTY

Get Ur Freak On: A Celebration of Missy Elliott

"Get Ur Freak On" is both the name of the game and a rallying cry at the dance party dedicated to all things Missy E. Slide on your sickest sideways baseball cap to top off that denim-on-denim ensemble, pop some chewing gum, and get ready to "Work It" on the dance floor until you "Lose Control." Le Poisson Rouge hosts the musical homage to one of rap's realest boss ladies with performances by Latasha Alcindor AKA LA and Quiana Parks, plus DJs Tara and Odalys.

July 2, 9-11 p.m., Le Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker St., \$15-\$20, lpr.com

COMEDY

CommuniKate

Comedian Kate Berlant never met a feeling too real to mock, and she returns to Joe's Pub this weekend to destroy your faith in humanity. With "CommuniKate," the take-no-prisoners satirist is on point when she's on script, but she's even better if she veers off into unfiltered spontaneity, should you be so lucky. Regardless, you'll have a drink in hand. July 2, 9:30 p.m., Joe's Pub, 425 Lafayette Ave., \$15, joespub.com

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Hot Summer Nights!

Dance under the stars to the sounds of jumping swing and sultry jazz with a free outdoor concert series starting this week: Hot Summer Nights! The live music series runs every Saturday in July at Kingsborough Community College's Lighthouse Bandshell in Brooklyn, with performers like trumpeter Wycliffe Gordon with an homage to Louis Armstrong (July 8). It starts Fourth of July Weekend with patriotic hits by the Rob Stoneback Big Band. July 1-22, 8 p.m., free onstageatkingsborough.org

YOUR WEEKEND STARTS NOW

THEATER

“Jerry Springer: The Opera”

What better format than opera to celebrate our beloved national pastime of ridiculing strangers on daytime TV? America's iconic talk show is musically satirized in “Jerry Springer: The Opera,” which had a long run in London and is finally making the jump to New York. when Springer (Terrence Mann) has to wrangle some truly heinous guests — from tap-dancing KKK members to a singing Satan (Will Swenson) — the host has to pull all the stops to prove he's still the one running the show.

Feb. 22-March 11, Pershing Square Signature Center, 480 W. 42nd St., \$85-\$125, thenewgroup.org

ARTS

They, Themselves and Schmerm

Becca Blackwell, a trans artist who prefers the pronoun “they,” brings their one-person show to Joe's Pub this Thursday, hoping to shine some light and laughter on what it means to question your gender in modern America.

(“Schmerm,” for the record, is the sound people make when they say, “She, he, erm...”) Fully candid and confessional, Becca uses comedy to open up about their history, from being raised in the Midwest to having a romantic fling in a mental ward.
Feb. 22, 9:30 p.m., Joe's Pub, 425 Lafayette St. \$12-\$15, joespub.com

SCI-FI

Philip K. Dick Science Fiction Film Festival

The Shakespeare of the science fiction realm, Philip K. Dick's works are never far from the popular consciousness, most recently with the new Netflix series *Electric Dreams*. You also have him to thank for “Blade Runner,” “Total Recall,” “The Man in the High Castle” and many more adaptations. Now in its sixth year, this film festival of feature-length films and shorts, including world premieres and celebrity guests, will immerse you in the eerily prescient and deeply felt world of this singular novelist.

Feb. 23-25 various locations, \$50-\$99 thephilipkdickfilmfestival.com

SUPERHEROES



Marvel Universe LIVE!

Just in time to feed into the “Black Panther” hype, Marvel Universe LIVE! comes to Barclays Center with nine shows. You won't have to wait for “Avengers: Infinity War” to catch all of your favorite Marvel superheroes together in one place: Iron Man and Doctor Strange battle side-by-side with the Guardians of the Galaxy and the Wasp (before her movie debut this July). A total of 25 heroes perform stunts and fly through the air in the name of protecting the universe from Loki.
Feb. 22-25, Barclays Center, 620 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, \$30-\$101, marveluniverselive.com

WRITING

The Write Drunk: A Salon For Reluctant Writers

Looking for a little inspiration? Or just need to write someplace that isn't a coffee shop? Jenny Blake (Pivot podcast) and Monica McCarthy (The Happier Hour) are here for you with an afternoon-long writing sprint next to a fully stocked bar, should you need it. Whether it's your dating profile or first novel, you'll get practical tips, live timed writing prompts and more to get past that terrifying first blank page. Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m., Caveat, 21A Clinton St.

\$25-\$30, caveat.nyc

SILLY

The Great Onesie Bar Crawl

You've never been this comfy while partying in public (or if you have, then this time you can do it shame-free). Wear your favorite onesie, whether it's a costume or pajamas or some other creative piece of clothing, as long as it's all one piece, to go drinking in Williamsburg as part of the first Great Onesie Bar Crawl. You'll check in at the Alligator Lounge, snap pics in the photobooth, and first blank page. Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m., Caveat, 21A Clinton St.

Feb. 24, 3-9 p.m., Alligator Lounge, 600 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn, \$30, greatonesie.com

FOOD

Charcuterie Masters

Meat artisans square off for the title of Charcuterie Master by your vote, so be sure to sample all of the more than 60 hams, salamis, pates, sausages and more. There will also be a butchery demo by chef Rodrigo Duarte. To wash it all down, there are pairings of wine, cider and beer.

Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m., Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., Queens, \$65-\$125, nyepicurean-events.com

GAMES

Oscars Trivia

Maybe you've been prepping for film's biggest night by watching all of the contenders ahead of the awards show March 4, but the only way to show your true adoration of the Academy Awards is by destroying the competition at Oscars Trivia at Videology. Your team will answer questions about the past 89 years of the ceremony, with clips and photos. The winning team gets a free round of drinks and their own souvenir Oscar!

Feb. 25, 8 p.m., Videology, 308 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, Free, videologybarandcinema.com
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YOUR WEEKEND STARTS NOW

TV

**RuPaul's Drag Race
Viewing Party with Aquaria**

If you're watching RuPaul's Drag Race alone, you'd better sashay away from that sad couch and head to a viewing party at The VNYL. This week is hosted by none other than Aquaria from Season 10! Each night begins with a meet-and-greet at 6:30, followed by the show, then a performance from your queen (with DJ Xavier Mazara). The season also features appearances from some of New York's fiercest drag queens, like Miz Cracker and Dusty Ray Bottoms.

May 17, 6:30 p.m., The VNYL,
100 Third Ave., \$10-\$20, thevnyl.com

GETTY

THEATER

Art on the High Line

The High Line's summer performance series takes on an activist bent with Out of Line, where performers invite audiences to come get involved in staged conversations about topics that matter today. It begins this weekend with "Melt!" by James Skuggs, a semi-satirical piece exploring race, gender and politics in a fictional, not-too-distant future that's holding its 17th Annual Post Racial America Day Rally. The series continues with new artists monthly through August.

May 17, 9 p.m., The High Line at
14th St., free, thehighline.org

WINE

Yes Way, Rosé!

Become a connoisseur of rosé at Yes Way, Rosé!, a happy hour dedicated to rosé tasting at the Hudson Hotel. This Thursday, sip six varieties of your favorite pink wine from around the globe, including Palm Rose, Villa Maria Rose and Jean Luc Colombo La Dame Du Rouet and actress Drew Barrymore's own vintage by Caramel Road Rose.

May 17, 6-9 p.m., Hudson Hotel,
358 W. 58th St., \$25, morgansho-
telgroup.com

ARTS

**Art History
Happy Hour**

Accompanying its David Bowie Is exhibit, the Brooklyn Museum hosts an evening of talks accompanied by a cash bar for wine and beer. Fans of the legendary artist are invited to gather and enjoy fun lectures while sipping. The night's speakers include film critic Monica Castillo on his acting career, Atlas Obscura Associate Editor Paula Mejia on his relation to the cosmos, and fashion historian Sarah Byrd on his style.

May 17, 7-9 p.m., Brooklyn
Museum, 200 Eastern Parkway,
Brooklyn, free (exhibit entry is
extra), brooklynmuseum.org

GlassBarge

Explore the art of glass-blowing in an unlikely place: on the water. Upstate New York's Corning Museum of Glass is taking a summer field trip aboard the GlassBarge, a floating venue giving guests half-hour-long demonstrations and lectures on the history of glassmaking and its role in industry, from lightbulbs to flat-screens. It's making a stop at the Brooklyn Marina with free entry, but you'll want to reserve your timed entry slot for best results.

May 17-28, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Brook-
lyn Marina, Pier 5, 334 Furman St.,
Brooklyn, free, cmog.org

MUSIC

Andrew W.K.

The kind of positivity (and party rock) Andrew W.K. is back with "You're Not Alone," his first new album in nine years. Feel the good vibes and shake off the bad ones with some serious dancing when he plays Irving Plaza this Friday.

May 18, 7 p.m., 17 Irving Place,
\$25 and up, mercuryeastpresents.
com

**Brahms vs.
Radiohead**

If you've ever wondered who can claim the title as music history's biggest brooder, you may get your answer during an epic mash-up concert this weekend when Stereo Hideout (the new musical moniker of composer/arranger Steve Hackman) presents Brahms vs. Radiohead at the Kings Theatre in Brooklyn. A full orchestra and three vocalists pit two intense contenders head-to-head, with Brahms' 1st Symphony played live against Radiohead's essential album "OK Computer."

May 19, 8 p.m., Kings Theatre,
1027 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn,
\$39-\$75, kingstheatre.com

CABARET

"Bartschland Follies"

You never know what you're

going to get at the McKittrick Hotel — except that it's bound to beat any other plans you might've skipped. The same is sure to hold true with the Bartschland Follies, a new show taking place weekly as of this Friday. It brings together classic cabaret tropes with burlesque circus (yes), plus music and high fashion, featuring Joey Arias, Shequida and Deedee Luxe. Without a doubt, you can expect the highly theatrical and memorably absurd.

May 18, 11:30 p.m., McKittrick
Hotel, 530 W. 27th St., \$25-\$75,
mckittrickhotel.com

BAYOU PARTY

**Crescent on
the Canal**

Authentic Louisiana spirit comes to Threes Brewing in Gowanus this weekend. It starts with a full day of activities through a partnership with Swamp in the City on Saturday, with Cajun bites by The Meat Hook and NOLA-inspired drink specials, plus instrumental workshops and music by Jesse Lege and Bayou Brew. Then, Sunday is the venue's fourth annual Crawfish Boil, with music by The 99 Playboys and three seatings starting at 1 p.m.

May 19-20, Threes Brewing, 333
Douglass St., Brooklyn, free-\$36,
threesbrewing.com

FILM

"Popeye"

See Robin Williams in his first full-length film as the iconic spinach-swilling sailor when the Museum of the Moving Image screens 1980's "Popeye." He swaggers around on 35mm print opposite Shelley Duvall as the oft-bereft Olive Oyl, directed by Robert Altman. Author David Izkoff will introduce the film, then stay to sign copies of his new book, "Robin," about the actor's life and untimely death.

May 19, 1:30 p.m., Museum of
the Moving Image, 36-01 35 Ave.,
Queens, \$15, movingimage.us

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THEATER

“Grand Hotel: The Musical”

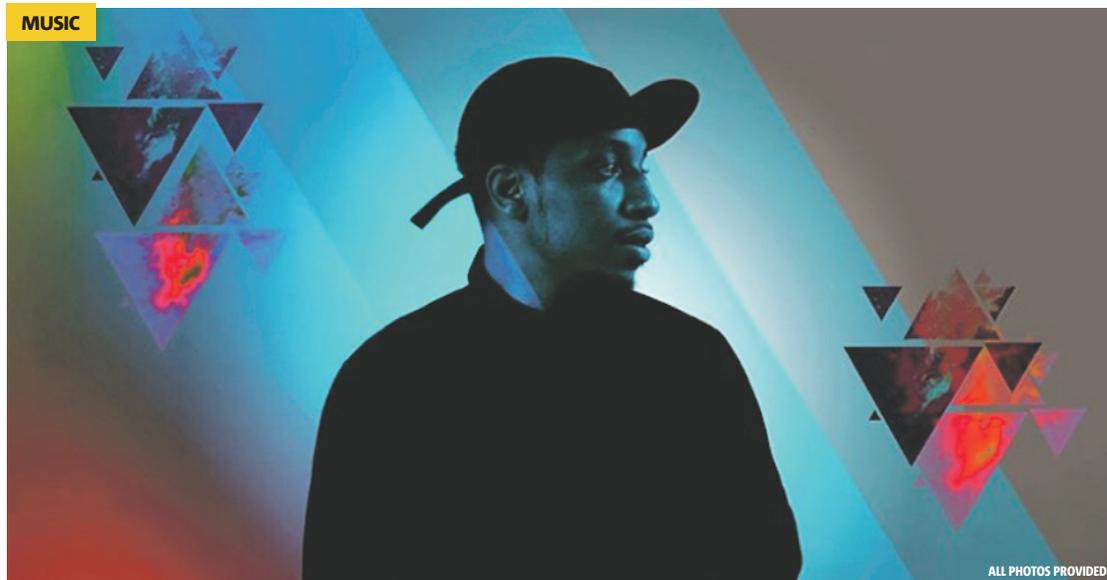
It's the Roaring '20s and a crew of gangsters and dancers, rich and poor, have gathered to bask in the opulence of Berlin's Grand Hotel. After its Tony-winning debut in 1989, “Grand Hotel: The Musical” returns off-Broadway this weekend. Part of the Encores! series at New York City Center, which revives rarely-produced musicals for a short run with big-name stars, it stars Junior Cervila, Natasha Diaz, John Clay III, Brandon Uranowitz and Irina Dvorovenko. **Through March 25, New York City Center, 131 W. 55th St., \$35-\$135, nycity-center.org**

ART

Affordable Art Fair

It's the 25th edition of the Affordable Art Fair, which invites art newbies especially to gather for an event that can get their collection started, with items starting at just \$100. Bringing together over 70 galleries from around the world and featuring more than 300 artists, the fair provides something for everyone's taste and budget. In addition to regular hours, there's also

MUSIC



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The Revolution Vol. 25

A popular part of the lineup at National Sawdust in Williamsburg, The Revolution is a monthly series that highlights Brooklyn- and Harlem-based artists who embody activism and evolution. This Saturday, the series celebrates its second anniversary — and 25th edition — with a special showcase featuring music by Dot Cromwell, beccs, Meridian Lights, Elle Winston and MAE.SUN.

March 24, 10 p.m., National Sawdust, 80 N. Sixth St., Brooklyn, \$15-\$20, nationalsawdust.org

Art After Dark for young arts-lovers to sip cocktails and socialize while they browse on Thursday, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. **March 22-25, Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 W. 18th St., \$10-\$80, affordableartfair.com**

Coney Island Ritual Cabaret Festival

Cabaret is an art form that can mean a lot of things — which is part of its beauty, and part of

what the Coney Island Ritual Cabaret Festival seeks to honor and explore. Inviting an array of local musicians, dancers and performance artists to express their idea of cabaret, the fest plumbs traditions that are deeply ingrained in the culture of New York. Each night begins with a Body Ritual Movement performance by the Diego Pinon Ensemble. **March 23-25, Coney Island USA, 1208 Surf Ave., Brooklyn, \$15-\$35, coneyisland.com**

Y Cabaret

If you've struggled to connect with modern dance, Y Cabaret is a new way to experience the art form. The intimate setting of a black box theater erases the conventional boundaries between artist and audience. Bearded Ladies Productions invites crowds to get more personal with choreographers and their funny, sexy, thought-provoking works. **March 24-25, 8 p.m., 14th Street Y, 344 E. 14th St., \$20-\$22, 14streety.org**

CULTURE

Celebrate Asia Wrap Party

Museums citywide are in the midst of celebrating Asia Week, and the fun caps off this Thursday with a special event at the Rubin Museum. Enjoy access to the current exhibition, The Second Buddha: Master of Time, along with beer from Brooklyn Brewery, cocktails featuring TYKU Sake and passed hors d'oeuvres in a festive atmosphere. It's part of the museum's yearlong theme dedicated to The Future, unpacked by examining beliefs from the past and present. **March 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m., The Rubin Museum, 150 W. 17th St., \$85, rubinmuseum.org**

WORLD WATER DAY

Make it rain in Grand Central

In honor of World Water Day, you can make it “rain” inside Grand

Central. Belgian beer brand Stella Artois is setting up a giant chandelier made of water droplets in Vanderbilt Hall that ripple and flow when activated — you do that by purchasing a special chalice that helps Water.org provide five years of clean water for one person in the developing world. **March 23-26, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., 89 E. 42nd St., water.org/stellaarतोis**

COMEDY

“I Am Not a Comedian...I'm Lenny Bruce”

Political satirist and dark humorist Lenny Bruce carved out a space for himself in the mid-20th century with a uniquely bleak outlook and take-no-prisoners screed — which often landed him behind bars for public indecency. In a new, one-night-only show at the Cutting Room, Ronnie Marmo brings the original back to life for a risqué night of laughs and way-too-true insights (aka, the kind of stand-up we all need right now) to benefit the Lenny Bruce Memorial Foundation. **March 25, 7:30 p.m., Cutting Room, 44 E. 32nd St., \$50, thecuttingroomnyc.com**

SEXY FUN

A Night of Jazz, Wine & Sex Education

Park Slope's educational pleasure shop Please celebrates three years of normalizing sex with information and conversation (and toys!) this Thursday. A Night of Jazz, Wine & Sex Education is a free event that includes mini versions of the store's most popular workshops (on rope bondage and oral sex), plus complimentary sausage bites (we see what you did there) from neighbors Jake's Handcrafted and wine from Fresh Direct. There will also be live music by The Hot Club of Flatbush. **March 24, 7-9 p.m., Please, 557 Fifth Ave., Brooklyn, free, pleasenewyork.com**
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Luna Park Opening Day

We may have gotten another blizzard this week, but there's no stopping Coney Island's Luna Park from opening on schedule this Saturday. Guests of the theme park's opening day festivities will be able to enjoy unlimited free rides including on the Cyclone roller coaster with a \$5 donation to Girl Scout Troop 6000. The official opening ceremonies take place on Sunday, with free egg creams, the blessing of the rides and more fair fun. **March 24, 10 a.m., Luna Park, 1000 Surf Ave., Brooklyn, \$5, lunaparknyc.com**

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