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NYC's neighborhoods made out of gingerbread in this stunningly detailed new display

Amid the pandemic, architect John Kuehn decided to follow his passion for baking. For the bake-off competition, he constructed a view of Madison Square Park near his home, including the Flatiron Building and the Met Life Insurance Tower, all in a wintry setting. Kuehn's design showcases his architectural skill. He drafted the 125 pieces in AutoCAD and meticulously piped royal icing in perfectly straight lines on the buildings. He made hills out of Rice Krispies Treats, crushed graham crackers for a pathway and covered it all in a blanket of snow (er, fondant).

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Origami Holiday Tree

Festooned with more than 1,000 meticulously hand-folded paper ornaments, this year's 13-foot-tall tree at the American Museum of Natural History is inspired by the theme "Beautiful Bugs."

The tree features specially created models inspired by the upcoming insectarium opening in Winter 2023 as part of the museum's new Richard Gilder Center for Science, Education, and Innovation. Some of the pieces decorating the greenery include long-legged grasshoppers, brilliantly colored butterflies and iridescent beetles, as well as those depicting iconic museum exhibits like the Blue Whale and Tyrannosaurus rex.

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The largest holiday light festival in the country is heading to Citi Field



Governors Island's winter village is back for the holidays next week

The Amaze Light Festival by Artistic Holiday Designs is headed to Citi Field this holiday season, starting November 20, bringing with it festive decor and interactive holiday-themed storybook worlds you travel through with characters Zing and Sparky. A series of five worlds—the North Pole, Land of Sweets, and a Whimsical Forest (with the option to take a ride down Zing’s Thrill Hill) and others—will dazzle you. There will also be a blend of live, high-energy performances every two-hours and the country’s largest animated light display with a mega light show every 30-minutes. It’ll for sure be one of the most visually spectacular things to do this holiday season!

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Shine Bright Only at Hudson Yards

Two million twinkling white lights are now adorning Hudson Yards for the shopping center's annual Shine Bright event. The display includes 115-miles of string lights, 725 evergreen trees dressed to create a gleaming forest, 16-foot tall illuminated hot air balloon decorations and a massive 32-foot hot air balloon centerpiece suspended in The Great Room of The Shops & Restaurants.

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Just last year, the Trust for Governors Island launched a unique winter village that quickly became a local holiday season must-visit. Unsurprisingly, the setup is back for a second year in a row starting November 17 through February 2023, with expanded public hours and, of course, the return of the 7,500-square-foot skating rink for visitors of all ages, plus winter-adjacent activities, food and drink options, on-premise games and fire pits.

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Lightscape at Brooklyn Botanic Garden

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden has brought back its gorgeous, after-dark illuminated spectacular to its grounds. Lightscape, one-mile, illuminated trail of art from local and international artists, features the iconic Winter Cathedral and a larger Fire Garden—all set to over a million lights, color, and music. Food concessions along the trail will offer seasonal treats like s’mores and spiked hot chocolate for adults. “The largest and most extravagant, artistic winter lights exhibition in NYC history, this distinctly Brooklyn-flavored celebration encourages everyone to find happiness and beauty, and create festive, fun gatherings with friends and family, at the darkest

time of the year,” said Adrian Benepe, president and CEO. “We hope residents and visitors from around the region will make Lightscape at BBG an annual tradition.”

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Miracle pop-up bars are back in NYC with festive cocktails and wacky drinkware

Two fun pop-up bars are back for the holiday season to get you into the Christmas spirit with, well, Christmas spirits. The beloved pop-up Miracle has taken over The Cabinet in Manhattan for Miracle on 9th Street and Thief in Brooklyn for Miracle on Union serving up holiday cocktails until December 31.

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NYC's holiday markets have official opening dates

Before summer has come to an end, Urbanspace has already announced when and where its beloved holiday markets will be this fall. It may seem premature to think about holiday shopping, but the days are getting darker more quickly and we're beginning to see the dew points drop a bit. In no time at all, it'll be the holiday season in NYC.

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A guide to New Year's Eve in NYC



Museum of Broadway

New Year's Eve 2022 is almost here and 2023 is just around the corner, finally! The biggest party in NYC in Times Square is back but only fully vaccinated people will be able to celebrate in Times Square at the strike of midnight. It'll be a different NYE, but there's much fun to be had as we kick 2022 to the curb. This is our essential guide to New Year's Eve 2022 in New York City.

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In theater, history has always been important. Live performance leaves little behind it but memory and lore. So Broadway, in a sense, is always a ghost town; at night, when theaters are dark, electric bulbs set on stands—known as ghost lights—are placed center stage to placate the spirits that are said to haunt its houses. These lights are the conceptual flip side of the ones more often associated with Broadway: The flashing lights of theater marquees, which shine out the message of the new and the now.

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SEE IT NOW

Curated List by Sharon Hoge

Why not take a break from holiday preparations to catch these wonderful exhibits which are due to close around the end of the month.



The Tudors: Art and Majesty in Renaissance England

Metropolitan Museum

More than 100 objects, the work of Florentine sculptors, German painters, Flemish weavers, Europe's best armorers, goldsmiths, and printers illustrate the transformation of the arts in cosmopolitan England from Henry VII's seizure of the throne in 1485 until the 1603 death of his granddaughter Elizabeth 1.

Closes January 8

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Threads of Power, Lace from the Textilmuseum St. Gallen

Textilmuseum St. Gallen

More than 150 examples of the unique textile that has been called “white gold” traces the origin of lace from its 16th century origins to contemporary laser-cut 3-D examples. The exhibit includes information about the women who crafted the status symbol sought by Hapsburg and Bourbon dynasties. On display is the lemongrass lace ensemble crafted by Isabel Toledo for Michelle Obama’s 2009 inauguration outfit. Closes

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Wolfgang Tillmans To Look Without Fear

Museum of Modern Art

Rejecting prevailing conventions, Wolfgang Tillmans explores every imaginable genre of photography inviting viewers to experience his vision of what it is like to live today. Sensitive portraits, architectural slide projections, windowsill still lifes, intimate nudes exemplify his idea of visual democracy in action. Closes

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Shoes, Anatomy Identity Magic

Fashion Institute of Technology

A pair of baby shoes, treasured sneakers, classic pumps, and sexy stilettos -- plus sandals, peep-toe flats, and thigh high boots are among over 300 examples of footwear symbolizing how shoes accompany us through life affecting how we stand, our identity, and hopes of transformation.

Closes December 31

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Barbara Kruger, Thinking of You. I Mean Me. I Mean You.

Museum of Modern Art

Enveloping MoMA's Marron Family Atrium, Barbara Kruger's bold textual statements about truth, belief, and power address the viewer directly as a way of exposing the power dynamics underlying identity, desire, and consumerism.

Closes January 2

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