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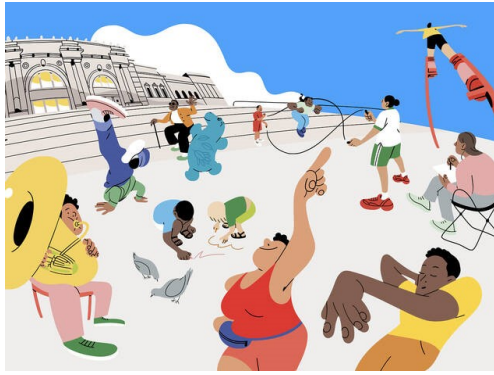
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MetFest

A special day of performances and programs, art-making and behind-the-scenes tours, food and more will take place at the Metropolitan Museum of Art to celebrate NYC's resilience and the inspiration art brings to our lives. Head over to The Met's David H. Koch Plaza and inside the Museum's Fifth Avenue location—from noon to 6 p.m.—for the free party. The party begins on The Met's iconic steps with the all-women's samba reggae percussion band, Batalá New York and continues with stilt walkers and steel pannists, New York City's top Double Dutch teams—Double Dutch Dreamz, Dutch Squad, and Dutchess of Ropes, community and diverse cultural narratives by artists. Jon Gray of Ghetto Gastro will offer signature dishes at his Gastronomical Kiosk, including his new pancake waffles from a Wavy Waffle Station.

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Brooklyn Book Festival

This annual literary celebration brings together 140-plus spectacular writers from across the globe for a full week of talks, shopping and even yoga to satisfy the borough's brainiacs. Bookend events will be taking place all week, including a celebration of childhood reading at its Children's Day (October 2) with authors David Levithan, Mahogany Browne, Sophie Blackall, Sayantani DasGupta, Brian Floca, Gayle Forman, R.J. Palacio in Brooklyn Commons in MetroTech in Downtown Brooklyn. Don't miss the Literary Marketplace (Sunday, October 3), or its virtual Festival in the evenings until 11pm.

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The New York Comic Con 2021 guide

Get your silicone ears and Infinity Gauntlets ready: The biggest pop culture event in North America is back—New York Comic Con 2021! It's back in person this year (and online) and filled with can't-miss panels, celebrities and all the cosplay you could ever fantasize about, this event is one of the best things to do in fall. Don't forget to binge the best superhero and action movies on Netflix before you tune in to get in the spirit!

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New York Burlesque Festival

This world-renowned festival, now in its 19th year, features burlesque artists from around the globe pulling out the stops (and tassels) to showcase the finest the art form has to offer. This year's lineup of festivities includes a Summer Sizzler Showcase at City Winery that'll be set to live music by The L Train Brass Band, and entertainment by the king of showbiz, Murray Hill, and a cavalcade of stars like Dirty Martini, The Evil Hate Monkey, Julie Atlas Muz, Angie Pontani, Mr. Gorgeous, Qualms Galore, 2 to Fly, Fem Appeal, Miss Saturn, Tigger!, Gin Minsky, Dandy Wellington and DJ Momotaro. You can also shop sexy vendors at the Burlesque Homecoming Boutique here, too.

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The 10 best Oktoberfest events in NYC this year

Contrary to its moniker, Oktoberfest, the annual autumnal celebration anchored in Munich, Germany, with satellite festivities all over the globe, kicks off in September. Lucky for you, New York City hosts some of the best boozy, musical sausage fests in the world. This year's events include weeks-long waterside parties, backyard blowouts and brewery bashes—all with plenty of German (and local!) beer to start your fall eating and drinking plans out right.

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NYC's 15 most anticipated new fall restaurant openings

Although new restaurants have been opening in New York City at an exhilarating rate all year long, fall is prime time for new eating and drinking destinations. Call it back-to-school syndrome, the pumpkin spice effect or simply a break from the sleepy summer heat, there's something about autumn that lends itself to getting excited about dining out. This fall, the 2021 restaurant forecast is particularly promising. In the weeks and months ahead, we're looking at three new openings from one of NYC's best restaurant groups, a long-awaited and highly-

regarded British import, offshoots of sushi favorites, exciting cocktail programs, glamorous dining rooms and unending new chances to nab reservations before they run out.

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The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze

The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze is back with surreal creations this year, like a giant pumpkin sea monster and NYC streetscape made of hundreds of pumpkins each. The massive blaze has two locations—Hudson Valley returns to its location at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson for the 17th year and Blaze: Long Island returns to Old Bethpage Village Restoration in Old Bethpage for the second year.

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Sample the city's best bagels at this year's Bagelfest Brooklyn

The first bagel was baked sometime during the 15th century, in either Poland or Germany. But despite their Old World origins, these fluffy halos of activated yeast, water, and salt have operated as a particular point of pride—dare we say, obsession—for New Yorkers, owed undoubtedly to the diverse communities of Jewish immigrants woven into the city's history. And yet, in a city that hosts hot sauce, coffee and tea and hot dog expos, there were no mass celebrations of New Yorkers' most popular morning fuel to be found.

Enter: Bagelfest Brooklyn.

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Photoville

Photoville NYC has returned with over 75 exhibitions on display in and around public spaces and parks. Photoville is back in its 10th year and the second to bring photography to every borough of New York City. The free, outdoor, pet-friendly photography exhibition is heading to NYC Parks — Brooklyn Bridge Park, Astoria Park, Barretto Point Park, Chelsea Park, Jackie Robinson Park, East River Promenade, St. Nicholas Park, Travers Park, Van Cortlandt Park, the South Beach Promenade — as well as Brookfield Place, the Alice Austen House (Staten Island), the Lower East Side at the Abrons Arts Center and Times Square.

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Summit One Vanderbilt

A heart-pounding experience in the sky is coming to midtown this fall and it's unlike any other experience atop a skyscraper. Summit One Vanderbilt sits atop the new 67-floor One Vanderbilt super-tall—a 1,401-foot-high—skyscraper. As the city's fourth-tallest building after One World Trade Center, Central Park Tower and 111 West 57th Street, it sits just west of Grand Central Terminal, where you first enter the experience underground. After a trip through a mirrored hallway with its own immersive elements, visitors take an elevator up to the 91st floor, where they're 1,000 feet over the streets and sidewalks of NYC. Kenzo Digital has created a totally mirrored infinity room called "Air" that reflects the sky and city views over and over, making you feel like you're walking in the sky or on another plane of existence. Looking above you and below you in this two-story space, you see your reflection repeating forever.

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Outdoor exhibits shows as well as gallery exhibits are among this month's temporary shows about to close. Indoors or out, catch them while the weather and calendar allow. And be sure to check ahead for Covid restrictions and requirements.



Kusama: Cosmic Nature

New York Botanical Garden

The popular Japanese artist's lifelong fascination with the natural world is expressed in Dancing Pumpkin, Flower Obsession, and other spectacular multifaceted sculptures and monumental floral installations that transform the Botanical Garden's 250-acre landmark landscape.

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As Long as the Sun Lasts

Metropolitan Museum

Alex D Corte's playful big blue bird swinging indecisively over the NYC skyline on the Met's Roof Garden references the Sesame Street character, Alexander Calder, indecision, stability, the cosmos.

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William Beckman: Five Decades of Self Portraits

Forum Gallery

Staring out of the canvas directly, or through dark rimmed eyeglasses, these striking "selfies" chronicle ages of the mid-western painter known for distinguished portraits.

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Julian Lethbridge

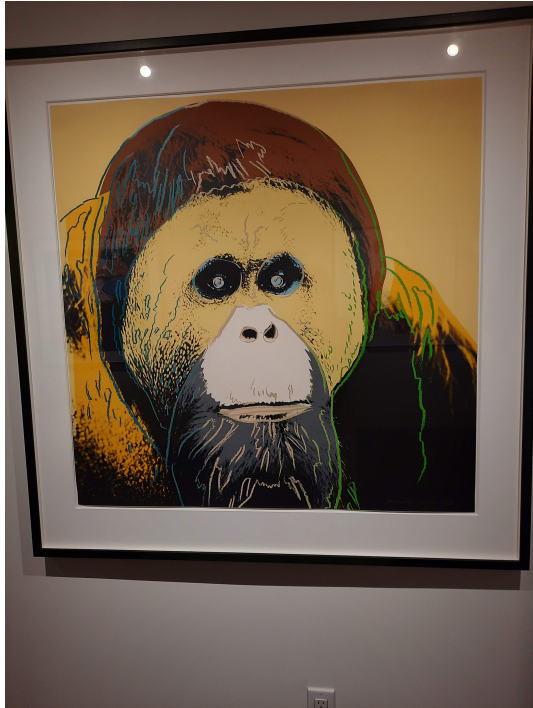
Paula Cooper Gallery



More vibrant colors and gestural brushwork are introduced in these recent paintings by the artist known for works of cerebral abstraction, often based on mathematical principles.

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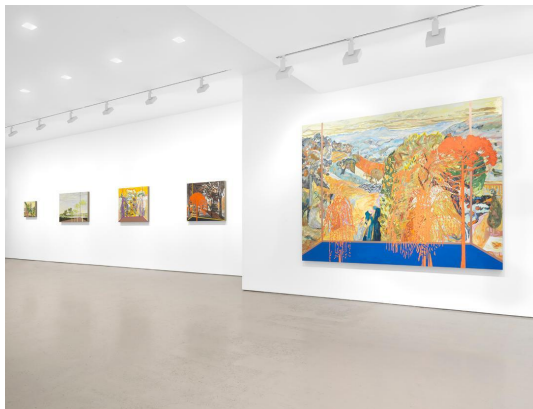
Andy Warhol: Portfolios: A Life in Pop

National Arts Club

Mickey Mouse, endangered species, the Vesuvius volcano, covers of Interview Magazine, and the notorious Velvet Underground “banana” album cover figure in works from the Bank of America collection.

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Whitney Bedford

Miles McEnery Gallery

The artist’s “Veduta” or “view” paintings emanate from the term applied to the representation of a landscape or vista that is essentially topographical – either identifiable or imaginary – exploring complexities of memory and present.

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I Quit

High Line Exhibition Space

Departing from the age-old working world symbol the briefcase, Sarah Aibel’s debut solo exhibit of glazed ceramic stoneware delves into the semiotic tradition of what it is to “work” and all its implications.



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William Beckman, Self-Portrait Red on Blue, 2020, oil on panel, 21 1/8 x 16 1/4 inches

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