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Washington Square Park Tree Lighting

Framed perfectly inside the park's famous arch, Washington Square Park's beautiful tree is a sight to behold. It officially lights up on Wednesday, December 6 (6-7pm), and you can watch in person or online. The tree lighting ceremony includes carols by the Rob Susman Brass Quartet and vocalist Linseigh Green. Santa Claus himself has promised to appear, candy canes in hand, to lead the illumination countdown.

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Central Park Holiday Lighting

For more than 25 years, the Central Park Conservancy has been draping the Charles A. Dana Discovery Center in holiday lights and ringing in the season alongside a hot cocoa-bearing Santa. The festivities wrap up with the lighting of a flotilla of trees on the Harlem Meer. Extra tip: Print out this songsheet so you're prepared for the carols.

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NYC's Pier 17 has been transformed into an immersive winter wonderland



Christmas pop-up is coming to the Oculus with snowball fights and karaoke

Turns out, getting to the North Pole isn't so tough after all. "The Santa Clauses' Winter Wonderland," a portal to Santa Claus' hometown, has opened at The Rooftop at Pier 17 in the Seaport. Typically a concert venue, the rooftop has been transformed into an immersive holiday experience inspired by Disney's "The Santa Clauses." Expect hot cocoa, skating and plenty of fun photo ops.

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Shine Bright Only at Hudson Yards

Two million twinkling white lights adorn 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. In addition to the awe-inspiring light display, there are plenty of photo opportunities, chances to visit Santa and stores to shop for everyone on your list.

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The Oculus is getting into the holiday spirit with a new activation called Christmas House NYC. Visitors can walk through more than a dozen themed rooms featuring snow, holiday movies, karaoke and more. This all-ages walk-through experience opens on November 24 with tickets available through January 2. It will be the flagship location for Christmas House, which operates across the globe, including sister locations in Long Island, New Jersey and Philadelphia locations this year.

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Cirque du Soleil: 'Twas the Night Before

The mammoth Québécois neocirque troupe revives its first holiday-themed production, an extended riff on Clement Clarke Moore's 1823 poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." Writer-director James Hadley's show follows a young girl who is yanked, on Christmas Eve, into a magical world where acrobatics and elaborate spectacle take the place of those boring old dancing sugar plums.

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Best Christmas markets in NYC

The best holiday markets are right here in NYC—full of both the holiday spirit and the most unique gifts out there. While fancy Christmas window displays may entice you, NYC's holiday markets often include ice skating, twinkling lights, great food vendors, and fun holiday activities. Shopping for the perfect gift doesn't have to be stressful, make it fun at these holiday markets, from the Urbanspace Union Square Holiday Market to the Bank of America Winter Village at Bryant Park and more.

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The latest art exhibit at NYC's ARTECHOUSE merges human creativity with AI

Inside a venue dating back 100 years into the past, a new art show explores a question of the future: How can human creativity and artificial intelligence coexist? ARTECHOUSE, located inside an old boiler room at Chelsea Market, is set to debut its latest digital art exhibition, "World of AI-magination," on December 1; tickets are on sale here starting at \$21/person. To create the exhibition, ARTECHOUSE Studio developed original visual elements with generative AI systems. Designers hope to inspire visitors to consider AI as a "creative associate rather than a mere tool for innovation."

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The Met celebrates Picasso's little-known NYC connections



Discover sinister secrets of the Seaport on this true crime-inspired

Long before Pablo Picasso's works made it to major American museums, an art collector in Brooklyn identified the artist's talents and believed his works should be displayed. In fact, he wanted to hang Picasso's works on his very own walls. In 1910, Hamilton Easter Field commissioned Picasso to adorn a room in his Brooklyn Heights home with murals, but Picasso didn't finish the works before Field died. Now, for the first time, the Metropolitan Museum of Art is bringing together six paintings linked to the commission. "Picasso: A Cubist Commission in Brooklyn" opens on Thursday, September 14 and runs through January 14, 2024.

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walking tour

Beneath the cobblestone streets of the Seaport, secrets hid underground for decades—until now, that is. A new walking tour led by the South Street Seaport Museum unearths the neighborhood's freaky and fascinating facts. The museum's "Sinister Secrets of the Seaport" whisks visitors back in time for a 90-minute walking tour full of true crime tales about theft, organized crime, murder and even pirates. Tours are available on November 5, 11, 12, and 29 and December 9, 10, 16, and 17 for \$40/adult. Whether you're a true crime buff or you're just soaking up the Halloween spirit, these tours make for a memorable afternoon in a historic neighborhood.

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Give yourself an early holiday gift – stop by and enjoy these exhibits before they close.



Painted Pop

Acquavella Gallery

Painted works by Warhol, Lichtenstein, Rosenquist, Ruscha, Johns, and other key figures of the American Pop movement show them adopting the visual language of mass culture and consumerism, shattering the norms of what was considered fine art.

Closes December 15

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Play the Part: Marlene Dietrich

International Center of Photography

Over 250 images, many shot by renowned photographers, show both public and personal sides of the iconic actress who knew how to utilize camera angles, lighting, makeup, and editing to craft a persona of timeless beauty and unwavering self-assurance.

Closes January 8

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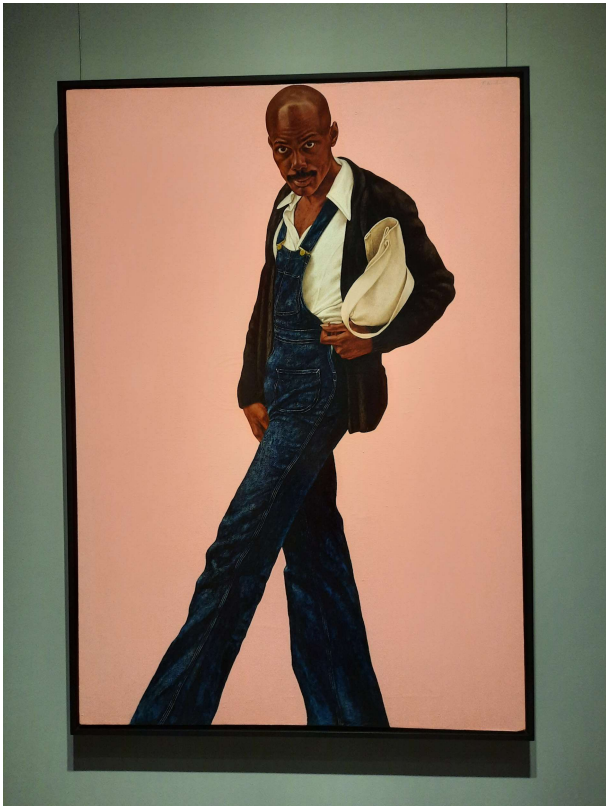
Manet/Degas

Metropolitan Museum of Art

The tumultuous relationship between friends, rivals, sometime antagonists, Edouard Manet and Edgar Degas, two artists whose careers worked to define modern painting, is examined in the context of their interactions, family relationships, friendships and intellectual circles deepening understanding of a key moment in 19th-century French painting.

Closes January 7

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Barkley L. Hendricks: Portraits at the Frick

Frick Museum

Drawn from influences of old masters, the remarkable work of a pioneering artist who revolutionized contemporary portraiture, challenging the traditions of European art, with depictions of Black subjects that emphasize the dignity and individuality of the sitters in work that challenges the traditions of European art.

Closes January 7

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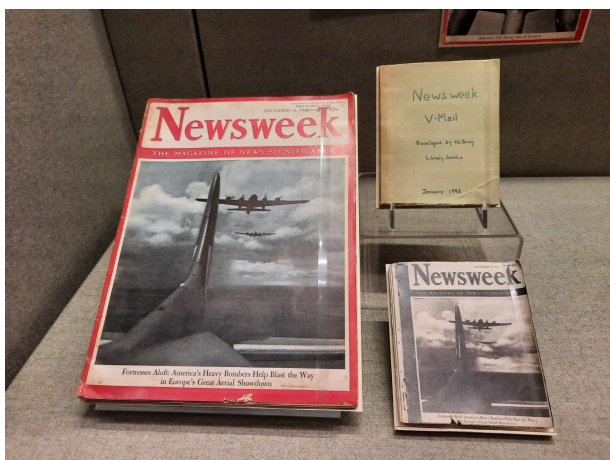
Flora

First Street Gallery

Flowers, vegetables and other growing emanations from the earth are subjects in paintings and watercolors by guests and artists of Zeuxis, a group founded in 1994 to promote still life works and named for the ancient Greek still life painter of Pliny's "Natural History."

Closes December 23

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The Best-read Army in the World

Grolier Gallery

Published by the US Military, pocket-size publications, small enough to fit into uniform pockets and knapsacks "armed" US soldiers with ideas along with their weapons during World War II. Miniature books and periodicals, photographs, posters, artwork, propaganda leaflets, and letters in the display show how American developed the "best—read Army in the world"

Closes December 30

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CAPTION Elizabeth Reagh, *Compost, Recycling and Trash*, oil on canvas, 10 x 10 inches, 2022
 ANDY WARHOL, *Four Jackies*, 1964, Acrylic and silkscreen on linen, Each: 20 x 16 in., Overall: 40 x 32 in. (Each 50.8 x 40.6 cm, Overall 101.6 cm), © 2023 The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc. / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York



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