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## The best 4th of July events in NYC

It's America's big day and we're here for it. Head to one of Gotham's best beaches, grab your sunscreen and your sunnies and prepare for some fun in the sun. After gorging on red-white-and-blue treats and drinks, head out for the night to watch the Macy's 4th of July fireworks or sail around NYC.

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## Manhattanhenge 2023 in NYC

One of the city's most beautiful summer traditions is on its way, and you won't want to miss this free viewing experience. Manhattanhenge, the phenomenon when the sun sets along with Manhattan's grid, making it appear like the orange orb is sinking between the skyscrapers, occurs every summer. It's a special time when pedestrian traffic slows, and everyone's temporarily aware of their surroundings to observe the gorgeous natural occurrence. It's time to BeReal, no phones required (but you know you're hoping for the alert this year), though the photos can be epic.

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## Travel to France this July with a special Bastille Day festival

A quick trip to Europe is possible this summer for all New Yorkers, as long as you use a little imagination. The French Institute Alliance



## Intrepid Museum's Free Fridays

On select Friday nights from April to September, the Intrepid Museum opens its doors for free (tickets are usually \$36), allowing visitors to explore the Museum and enjoy free after-hours

Française (FIAF) just announced the details of its annual Bastille Day celebration, the city's largest event for France's national holiday. The long-running event has taken place on the Upper East Side for over two decades and transforms several blocks with the tastes, sights, sounds and je ne sais quois charm of summertime in France.

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## A stunning globe made of plastic waste is coming to NYC

In artist Beverly Barkat hands, discarded plastic bags, bottles and cups transformed into stained glass-like pieces that she fused together to create a giant globe. Her stunning yet jarring artwork will be on view in Lower Manhattan starting in early June. To create "Earth Poetica," Barkat worked with conservationists across the world who sent her locally sourced plastic waste. She used those to create 180 colorful panels portraying regions of the Earth whose continents and oceans are suffocating under growing masses of plastic waste. The sculpture be on view for free in the lobby of 3 World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan starting on Monday, June 5, which is World Environment Day, and running through November.

programming. Free Fridays run on the last Friday of the month (April 28, June 30, July 28, August 25, September 29). The fun kicks off this month on Friday, April 28 with a panel discussion about space featuring a former NASA astronaut, a holographic art exhibit and a chance to gaze through high-powered telescopes. Museum educators will be on hand with interactive demonstrations and hands-on activities. Local astronomers will be on the flight deck to help visitors navigate the night sky and answer questions about astronomy and stargazing.

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## Yayoi Kusama's new kaleidoscopic infinity room is now open in NYC

Step into Yayoi Kusama's vibrant, polka-dotted immersive world at this major new gallery show in Chelsea. The exhibition, "I Spend Each Day Embracing Flowers," features vivid new paintings, massive new sculptures and a dazzling new infinity room from the mega-popular Japanese artist. The show's on view at David Zwirner on West 19th Street from May 11 through July 21 (exact hours and details here). You can see it for free, just be prepared to wait in line.

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## JAPAN Fes

Crowds flock to this delicious pop-up, which runs from spring through the fall, transforming parts of NYC into a sliver of Japan. This massive festival attracts more than 250,000 people every year. This year, it'll be held 20 times during the season running through October 28, making it the biggest JAPAN Fes yet. Locations include Chelsea, Astoria, NoMad, Park Slope, the East Village and more. Snack on treats from 750 vendors inspired by Japanese and East Asian street food like takoyaki (octopus balls), sushi, gyoza, Korean-style rice hot dogs, Taiwanese popcorn chicken and much more. After you're full, shop for Japanese crafts and gifts featured at the event.

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## Second Sundays

Join Pioneer Works the second Sunday of every month for a free community day featuring live music, food, artist studio visits and interactive programs. Explore Pioneer Works' new artists-in-residence studios and check out several newly opened exhibitions: Medusa, a mixed reality experience, and What is Psychedelic, Aura Rosenberg's first ever institutional survey.

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## Here are all the NYC night markets to indulge in this summer

The imminent return of summer means night market season has arrived at long last. After the chilly winter season, NYC rewards us with warm summer nights made for dining outdoors. Five open-air night markets will pop up around town this summer, from the Bronx to Brooklyn and Manhattan to Queens. There's even a vegan night market joining the roster! We've rounded up details on all five, so grab some cash and head out to eat locally—and deliciously.

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## Paramount+ is hosting Movie Nights at Bryant Park this summer

The beloved Movie Nights series is coming back to Bryant Park this summer, and it's got an exciting new partner: Paramount+. The streaming juggernaut has entered into a multiyear deal with Bryant Park to support its outdoor movie series, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this summer, making it the park's longest-running program. (Here's to many more summers of mad dashing across that famous lawn for optimum blanket space!)

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## **Karl Lagerfeld: A Line of Beauty**

### **Metropolitan Museum of Art**

In addition to showing 150 of examples of his fashions, the Costume Institute's exhibit on the iconic German-born designer showcases his working methodology. Sketches and drawings and video comments from his collaborative seamstresses underscore his complex creative process.

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## **Juan de Pareja, Afro-Hispanic Painter**

### **Metropolitan Museum**

Enslaved in the studio of Velazquez for over two decades, Juan de Pareja (c. 1608-1670) was portrayed by the Spanish artist in 1650 and became a painter in his own right. This first gathering of his work is augmented with works by his contemporaries which chart the ubiquity of enslaved Black and Morisco populations across media, from sculpture to silver.

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## Never Alone: Video Games and Other Interactive Design

### Museum of Modern Art

While video games, the @ sign, and other interfaces we use to access the digital world are seldom recognized as design, this exhibit brings together machines, apps, infrastructures which are the points of contact between objects and people, showing how interactive design can transform our behaviors – from the way we experience and move our bodies to the ways we conceive of space, time, and relationships.

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## A Century of Dining Out: The American Story in Menu Vintage Menus 1841-1941

### The Grolier Club

Dating from the 1840's when hotel and restaurants were replacing the old inns and taverns, this vast collection of over 200 vintage menus, documents the first 100 years of Americans dining out, illustrating not only what people were eating, but what else they were doing, and what they valued.

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## Jim Isermann

### Miles McEnery Gallery

Hard edge geometric abstractions produced by hand with multiple layers of house paint, Isermann's works are said to address issues of style and decoration at the intersection between art and applied design, or as the artist has said, "my art is about fine art becoming popular culture and then coming back around to fine art,"

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