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Watch the Japan Parade

Described as "a huge 'Arigato!' from the Japanese community to New York City," the Japan Parade brings dance performances, musicians, marching bands, martial arts and traditional costumes to Manhattan. The parade marches along Central Park West between 81st Street and 67th Street (heading south toward 67th Street) on Saturday, May 11 starting at 1pm.

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Eat deliciously at Smorgasburg

Smorgasburg, the food bazaar spectacular, is back for 2024 with dozens of great local vendors across three locations. In fact, with more than 70 vendors, it's the largest Smorgasburg lineup since 2018! Vendors this year will serve up fragrant Ethiopian stews, Hawaii-style street comforts, explosive pani puri, potato puff poutine, and lots more. Smorgasburg WTC runs on Fridays; Williamsburg is on Saturdays; and Prospect Park is on Sundays. Each location is open from 11am-6pm and operates weekly through October.

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Be awed by this immersive light festival



Catch an exhibition of Paul McCartney's Photos

The Oculus, the giant skeletal transportation hub and shopping center, is about to become a light sculpture for the very first time. A projection will bring the white metal-clad ribs and facade to life with a fantastical artwork across three nights. The glow-up is part of Illumination NYC, a free, large-scale outdoor light show across two Lower Manhattan locations over three nights from May 2 to 4. The festival will create a dreamy oasis of light artists, live performers and DJs at Battery Park City in Belvedere Plaza, located on the elevated northwest corner above North Cove Marina. DJs will perform and local and international light artists will show off their work across three nights. RSVP for the free events [here](#).

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Watch classic movies at Rooftop Cinema Club

Take your movie-going experience to the next level this summer at Rooftop Cinema Club. The experience offers a chance to watch a movie on a Midtown rooftop with vegan popcorn, classic theater candy, and craft cocktails. Kicking off on May 1, this season's rooftop movie schedule includes classics like *When Harry Met Sally*, *Dirty*

Screaming and crying girls. Innumerable hotel rooms. Nonstop camera flashes. A group of four Liverpoolian guys in the middle of it all. Beatlemania made an indelible mark on history and on our lives. Sir Paul McCartney, the group's bassist and one of two lead singers, is showcasing more than 250 of his own photographs that illustrate the intensity of this historical moment, but also the quiet, personal moments unseen by millions of fans in "Paul McCartney Photographs 1963–64: Eyes of the Storm" at the Brooklyn Museum. The show opens on May 3. Inside are photos illustrating the demands of touring, the constant media attention as well as McCartney's band members, John Lennon, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr, who were undergoing an extremely life-changing era. The exhibit gives a highly personal look into their lives much like a family album, according to the museum.

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Think deeply at the Whitney Biennial

Art nerds can't wait until the Whitney Biennial, which happens every two years. It's always a gigantic showcase of some of the coolest, newest, and most provocative art at a big New York City museum. It's the Whitney Museum of American Art's landmark exhibition series and the longest-running survey of American Art, on view

Dancing, Grease, Mean Girls, Clueless, and so much more. Also expect special programming for Star Wars day, AAPI Heritage Month, Black Music Month, and Pride Month. Plus, it's adding a Saturday Cereal Club and Mimosas & Muffins Sundays. Keep scrolling for the full lineup, and get tickets here.

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Score some cool finds at Hester Street Fair

The Hester Street Fair is back for its 15th season bringing together extraordinary local vendors for a bustling outdoor marketplace. The market features handmade jewelry, ceramics and candles, pet accessories, vintage clothing, seasonal pies, soju-spiced cocktails and lots more. Find all the fun at the Seaport at Pier 17 (89 South Street). Here's what's on the schedule for May: — Classic Market, May 11: Stroll through the shops and pick up a gift for the mother figures in your life in advance of Mother's Day. — Made in NYC Market, May 12: Shop local from vendors who represent NYC. — Memorial Day weekend, May 25-26: Kick off the summer

through August 11. This year, the Biennial is themed “Even Better Than The Real Thing” and features the work of 71 artists and collectives. It does a lot in this iteration. The survey examines rapidly advancing technologies and machine learning tools; the body and subjectivity as it pertains to queer identity, body sovereignty, motherhood, the aging body, and the trans body; material agency and the use of unstable media; and lots more. Overarching is the focus on “the real,” an extremely present topic these days with the onslaught of incorrect ChatGPT answers, horrifying deep fakes and art made by AI.

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Play pickleball at Central Park's Wollman Rink

Turns out, pickleball was not just a passing fad. Doubling down on the popularity of the sport, Central Park is gearing up for the return of the 14-court pickleball installation via CityPickle that took over Wollman Rink in 2023. This year, the experience will officially debut on May 1, offering players of all skill levels the chance to reserve courts or partake in open play sessions between 8am and 9pm daily.

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season with this market that welcomes summertime. For a full rundown of vendors, check out Hester Street Fair's website.

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Dive into an 'Alice in Wonderland' floral exhibit

The New York Botanical Garden is getting in on the Mad Hatter fun with a new, garden-wide exhibition for 2024 titled “Wonderland: Curious Nature.” On view from Saturday, May 18 through Sunday, October 27, 2024, the enchanting display will “feature horticultural and contemporary art installations that evoke the spirit of exploration and uncanny nature of Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” per the NYBG. Inspired by the classic tale and its 1871 sequel, *Through the Looking-Glass*, and *What Alice Found There*, the immersive exhibition will be a true sensory adventure, with visitors able to explore a variety of mind-bending experiences set throughout the botanical garden’s iconic glasshouse, the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library Building and across its stunning 250-acre grounds.

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See a show on The Rooftop at Pier 17

The Rooftop at Pier 17 is planning a packed summer of musical performances with more than 60 outdoor shows. The panoramic views, the chill vibe, and the stellar acoustics make it a truly special spot to see a show. The sixth Summer Concert Series on The Rooftop at Pier 17 features more than 60 artists in genres from rap (Isaiah Rashad) to rock (Social Distortion) to electronic (Electric Callboy) and more. Plus, there are several bands on the roster that will make Millennials swoon with nostalgia (like Taking Back Sunday, Something Corporate, Two Door Cinema Club, and Mayday Parade). Get tickets here.

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SEE IT NOW

Curated List by Sharon Hoge

Time's running out to see some amazing sculptures, books, photographs, ceramics, paintings. Check out these exhibits before they close by the end of the month.



The Facade Commission: Nairy Baghramian Scratching the Back

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

No that's not wind-blown flotsam in the Met Museum's outdoor niches. The four colorful abstract sculptures are Iranian artist Nairy Baghramian's explorations of the dynamics of body, gender, and the dichotomies of private and public space.

Closes May 28

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Language, Decipherment, and Translation – From Then to Now

The Grolier Club

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of deciphering the Rosetta Stone, books on hieroglyphs, the translations of "The Thousand and One Night," a contemporary codex are among volumes and related objects showing their role in transferring information and knowledge through time.

Closes May 11

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Ellen von Unwerth The Provocateur

Staley Wise Gallery

Rianna, Janet Jackson, Demi Moore, fashion lines Ralph Lauren, Dior, are among the celebrity names featured in edgy photographs and music videos filmed and directed by former assistant to a knife thrower and model, photographer Ellen von Unwerth.

Closes May 11

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Enchanted Objects: Kim Hono

Dai Ichi Arts

Sketches inspired by simple day to day images -- magazine pages, family notes -- are transformed by artist Kim Hoon into ceramic vessels transforming the tactile quality of paper and pencil into pieces celebrating simple joys of daily life.

Closes May 18

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Wangechi Mutu: Intertwined

The New Museum

A retrospective of over a hundred multi-media pieces explores the legacies of colonialism, globalization and African and diasporic cultural traditions in the Kenyan-born artist's works, proffering new models for a changed future informed by feminism, Afrofuturism and interspecies symbiosis.

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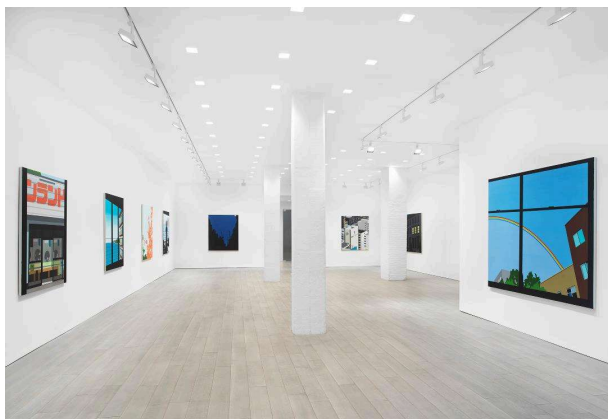
Alice Baber Reverse Infinity

Berry Campbell Gallery

Showing a commitment to technique and rigorous explorations of color theory, paintings created between 1960 and 1981 bring recognition to an overlooked Abstract Expressionist who was a foundational member of New York City's Downtown scene.

Closes May 18

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Brian Alfred Beauty Is a Rare Thing

Miles McEnergy Gallery

Two bodies of work-- nine portraits of contemporary musicians, and photos documenting two trips from New York to Osaka and to the Dominican Republic -- show the artist distilling his source imagery to essential forms, preserving the memory of place and conveying the essence of a specific time.

Closes May 11

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