



Weekend Culture Highlights - June 19 - 21, 2015

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Summer is here and there's plenty of culture and art events to be found. To help plan your weekend, Hamptons Art Hub is rolling out a new series presenting our picks for cultural events in the Hamptons. Check back on Thursdays to see what what's in store for the art and culture scene in the Hamptons and the East End.

The picks for this edition include a documentary screening, a dance performance, live music, a designer plant container event, the opening of three museum exhibitions and a conversation series.

Happy weekend!

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015

Chuck Close Documentary Screening at the Parrish

Marion Cajori's documentary on American artist Chuck Close screens on **Friday, June 19 at 6 p.m.**, in conjunction with the museum's current show "Chuck Close Photographs." The late director's last documentary helps to reveal Close's singular process of portraiture.

The full-length documentary (116 minutes) examines the artist's working process as well as his influence on a generation of artists. Released by Art Kaleidoscope Foundation in 2007, the film focuses on Close's unique practice and rendering of his enormous paintings through a grid system based on Polaroid photographs as source material. Specifically, the film follows Close's 82-day process of "Self-Portrait," 1993, with close up footage of the artist's brush as he paints.

Several paintings shown in the film are based on photographs currently on view at the Parrish including "Klaus/maquette," 1976; "Lucas," 1987; and "Elizabeth/ maquette," 1988.

Tickets to the screening are \$10 and free for members, children, and students. Space is limited; advance reservations recommended.

"Chuck Close Photographs" is on view at the Parrish Art Museum through July 26, 2015.

The Parrish Art Museum is located at 279 Montauk Highway Water Mill, NY 11976. For more information, visit www.parrishart.org or contact (631) 283-2118.

Jesse Harris with Start Rover Performs at Harper's Books

Harper's Books will host a musical performance by Jesse Harris with Start Rover on **Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m.** at their East Hampton book store and gallery. The band will play songs from their new album, No Wrong No Right.

Originally from New York City, Jesse Harris is a singer, songwriter, guitarist and producer of artists from all over the world. Jesse has released 13 albums as a solo artist, many with his former backing band The Ferdinandos. In 2003, Jesse received the Grammy Award for Song Of The Year for Norah Jones' breakout hit "Don't Know Why," from her debut album, Come Away With Me, which has sold over 20 million copies worldwide.

In the winter of 2014, Jesse began playing with Will Graefe and Jeremy Gustin of Star Rover. Itinerant improvisers and songwriters, these Brooklyn-based experimentalists are steeped in the music of John Fahey, Sonny Sharrock, and Leadbelly.

Harper's Books is located at 87 Newtown Lane, East Hampton, New York 11937. For more information, visit www.harpersbooks.com or contact (631) 324-1131.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

Summer Season Exhibitions Open at Guild Hall

Guild Hall celebrates the opening of its exhibition of the season with a trio of events on Saturday. Launching the museum's summer exhibitions are "Selfies and Portraits of the East End," "Nicole Bigar: Muses Past and Present" and "Hal Buckner."

All three open on Saturday. The festivities get going with a **panel discussion from 3 to 4 p.m. featuring exhibiting artists in "Selfies and Portraits of the East End". An Opening Reception immediately follows for all three exhibitions from 4 to 6 p.m. A Members Only Garden Reception takes place from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served in the Minikes Garden to celebrate the opening of all three shows.

"Selfies and Portraits of the East End" explores the difference between selfies and portraits. Selfies or self-portraits are typically taken with a smart phone for social media and the images are usually flattering and appear candid. A portrait can be a painting, photograph, sculpture, or any other artistic representation of a person. Portraits typically display the likeness, personality, and even the mood of the person.

A solo show by Nicole Bigar is presented in the [Education Hall Gallery](#). A solo show by [Hal Buckner](#) is exhibited in the Wasserstein Gallery and outdoor Furman Sculpture Garden.

"Selfies and Portraits of the East End" and "Nicole Bigar: Muses Past and Present" both remain on view through July 26, 2015. "Hal Buckner" remains on view through October 12, 2015.

Guild Hall is located at 158 Main St, East Hampton, NY 11937. For more information, visit www.guildhall.org or contact (631) 324-0806.



“Strings Attached, Bridgehampton; Home Stills” by Bastienne Schmidt, 2009, C print, 30 x 40 inches. Photo courtesy of artist. On view in “Selfies and Portraits of the East End.”

Planters: ON + OFF The Ground VII at LongHouse Reserve

The Invitational Garden Container Competition and Exhibit unveiling, opening reception and awards ceremony takes place on **Saturday, June 20 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.** at LongHouse Reserve in East Hampton. Now in its eight year, “Planter: ON + OFF the Ground” features works by numerous designers from mostly East End landscape design companies. This year, there will also be **a rare plant and container auction starting at 2 p.m.**

The juried invitational will decorate the LHR Squash Court. Participating designers were challenged to create a contained garden of choice while allowing the imagination to soar in the areas of format, design, and contents. At 6 p.m. there will be a ribbon presentation by this year’s jurors, Marco Polo Stufano and Preston Phillips. They will present a First Place and an Honorable Mention award. The viewers will award the People’s Choice Award.

Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for LHR members.

The exhibition will be on view from June 20 through July 25, 2015.

LongHouse Reserve is located at 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, New York 11937. For more information, visit www.longhouse.org or contact (631) 329-3568.

Flamenco Vivo Performance at the Southampton Cultural Center

On **Saturday, June 20, from 6 to 7 p.m.** Flamenco Vivo presents a journey through Spain and Latin America in “Fiesta Flamenca” at the Southampton Cultural Center. Dancers, singers and guitarists in colorful flamenco costumes present a variety of dances revealing a life full of emotions. A participatory educational program, the troupe invites audiences to listen to the castanets, footwork, rhythmic handclaps, singing and guitar while exploring the range of flamenco expression through the Sevillanas, Alegrias, Soleares and the Negra Tomasa.

Tickets are \$40 for general admission, and \$20 for students under 21.

The Southampton Cultural Center is located at 25 Pond Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. For more information, visit www.scc-arts.org or contact (631) 287-4377.

WEEKDAY EXTRA

The Art Barge Artists Speak: Jack Lenor Larsen with Janet Goleas

The Victor D'Amico Institute of Art and The Art Barge's Artist Speak Conversation Series kicks off on Wednesday, June 24, at 6 p.m. The first of four planned evenings, Jack Lenor Larsen joins Janet Goleas in conversation. Jack Lenor Larsen is an internationally known textile designer, master weaver, gardener, collector, and founder of East Hampton's LongHouse Reserve. Janet Goleas is an artist, art critic, writer and independent curator. (Janet Goleas contributes regular art criticism to Hamptons Art Hub).

The talk will be followed by a reception at The Art Barge in Amagansett. Tickets are \$20 and seats are limited. Attendance is by reservation only.

Artists Speak is a summer series of evening talks with four distinguished artists. The evenings are scheduled each month from June through September on Wednesdays.

The Art Barge is located at 110 Napeague Meadow Rd, Amagansett, NY 11930. For more information, visit www.theartbarge.org or contact (631) 267-3172.

For the full list of art and culture options in the Hamptons and East End, visit this week's [Art Round Up](#).

Looking for benefits in the Hamptons and East End? Click [here](#) to discover the line up of benefits for June.

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