



5 Things to Do in New York City Through January 24, 2016

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The Outsider Art Fair, Master Drawings New York and festivals in film, choreography and more abound this week and weekend in New York City. Thursday night is a busy one with two art fairs opening, NYC Restaurant Week and the New York Jewish Film Festival underway with even more things to do on Friday and Saturday nights. Keep reading to discover some of the best ways to spend your time in New York City with our picks of things to do in art and culture through January 24, 2016. Expect to find food, dance, film, music, art and more.

1. NYC Restaurant Week

The semi-annual New York City Restaurant Week is held from January 18 through February 5, 2016. Over 300 participating restaurants in all five boroughs offer prix fixe three-course lunch and dinner menus. Lunch courses are \$25 per person and dinner courses are \$38 per person. Excludes Saturdays. www.nycgo.com.

For a full list of participating restaurants with menus and information, click [here](#).

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Lido in Harlem by Julienne Schaer. © NYC & Company.

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2. The New York Jewish Film Festival

The 25th annual New York Jewish Film Festival runs from January 13 to 26, 2016 at Lincoln Center's Walter Reade Theater and the Elinor Bunin Munroe Film Center. Screenings take place almost daily (except for Fridays) with special panels and events offered in addition to film screenings. The film festival features 38 narratives, documentaries and shorts from several countries revealing "the diversity of the Jewish experience around the world."

Special events include Q&A sessions with filmmakers, a Master Class, and a film poster exhibition "[Celluloid on Paper](#)" at the Walter Reade Theater. One call out is a concert on Sunday, January 24, at 1 p.m. recreating a historic one by violinist Stuart Canin and pianist Thomas Sauer immediately held after the documentary screening of "[The Rifleman's Violin](#)" chronically Canin's 1945

performance for Truman, Churchill and Stalin.

Tickets to the New York Jewish Film Festival are \$14, \$11 for students and seniors, and \$9 for members of the film society and Jewish Museum. The Walter Reade Theater is located in Lincoln Center, at 165 West 65 Street, New York NY 10023. www.nyjff.org.

Click [here](#) for full schedule and event details.



A still from "The Rifleman's Violin." Photo courtesy Citizen Film / The Hoover Institution Library & Archive.

3. FLICfest Independent Choreography Festival

FLICfest takes place from January 21 – 30, 2016 at Irondale Center, a performing arts theater in Brooklyn. Held Thursdays through Saturday, each event presents two feature-length dance theater works by independent choreographers followed by a performance cabaret in the balcony lounge. Featured choreographers are Taylor Drury, Hattie Mae Williams with Tattooed Ballerinas, Angel Chinn with the Nona Lee Dance Company, Joya Powell with Movement of the People, Beck Heiberg and Donofrio Dance Company.

Tickets are \$20 to \$25. Irondale is located at 85 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn NY 11217. www.irondale.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



NonaLee Dance Theater performs a work choreographed by Angel Chinn. Photo by Enoch Chan. Courtesy FLICfest.

4. Japanese Winter Feast at Brooklyn Botanic Garden

To celebrate the centennial anniversary of its Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden hosts a four-course Japanese Feast prepared by Chef Yuhi Fujinaga of The Sea Grill at Rockefeller Center on Thursday, January 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. The feast includes sake, wine and

shochu pairings. The meal is prepared according to authentic Japanese techniques and served in the garden's Lillian and Amy Goldman Atrium. The Patina Restaurant Group presents the event.

Tickets are \$150, including tax and gratuity. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden is located at 990 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11225. www.bbg.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden in winter. Photo: Rebecca Bullene, courtesy of BBG.

5. Panel Discussion on “Contemporary Space in Contemporary Art” at New Museum

New Museum presents the panel discussion “Cheryl Donegan: Fold, Screen, Skin: Contemporary Space in Contemporary Art” on Saturday, January 23 at 3 p.m. The panel of artists and curators explores the compression of three-dimensional space on two-dimensional surfaces, and the pressures placed on subjects as they move between physical and virtual platforms and the economies of attention embedded within these spaces. Panelists include Howie Chen, Matt Connors, Jess Fuller, Josh Kline, and Andrew Ross. The panel includes artists and curators Howie Chen, Matt Connors, Jess Fuller, Josh Kline and Andrew Ross.

The panel is in support of the exhibition and artist residency “Cheryl Donegan: Scenes + Commercials”, exhibited January 20 to April 10, 2016 at the New Museum. The exhibition presents works that span Donegan's career, from the early '90s to the present, tracing conceptual threads that run across her practice, including her interest in the mediated image, compressed space, and the mark's indexical relation to the body.

Panel tickets are \$15 or \$10 for museum members. The New Museum is located at 235 Bowery, New York NY 10002. www.newmuseum.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



Cheryl Donegan, *Lieder*, from the series “The Janice Tapes,” 2000. Video, sound, color; 8:16 min. Courtesy the artist and Electronic Arts Intermix (EAI), New York.

BONUS: Art fairs and Master Drawings New York

The Outsider Art Fair, Master Drawings New York and the New York Ceramics and Glass Fair all open this week in New York City. Click [here](#) for details. At a glance, here is what's needed to know:

The Outsider Art Fair will be held from January 21 – 24, 2016 at Metropolitan Pavilion. Early Access takes place on Thursday, January 21, from 2 to 6 p.m. with Vernissage from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$80. Metropolitan Pavilion is located at 125 West 18 Street, New York NY 10011. www.outsiderartfair.com.

Master Drawings New York takes place from January 23 to 30, 2016 with a preview on Friday, January 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. Held at 29 participating Upper East Side galleries, art dealers from several countries exhibit their latest acquisitions of pen, pencil, ink and chalk, pastel and charcoal drawings, plus oil-on-paper sketches and watercolors from the 16th century to the 21st century. For details, gallery locations and more information, click [here](#).

The New York Ceramics and Glass Fair will be held January 21 – 24, 2016 at Bohemian National Hall. A Preview will be held on Wednesday, January 20, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The art fair presents 29 curated galleries presenting ceramics, porcelain, pottery, glass, cloisonné and enamels from the 17th – 21st centuries. For the list of exhibitors, click [here](#). Admission is \$20 or \$90 for the Preview. Bohemian National Hall is located at 321 East 73rd Street, New York NY 10021. www.newyorkceramicsandglassfair.com

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