



5 Things To Do in NYC Through January 31, 2016

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This weekend holds no shortage of art and culture related events in New York City. If you're looking for things to do in New York City, there's plenty to find. On this week's list are a puppet theater festival, a film tribute to David Bowie, an artist talk at the Guggenheim, an opera and a film festival. Read on for our picks of the best things to do in New York City through January 31, 2016.

1. Labapalooza! Puppet Theater Festival

St. Ann's Warehouse presents a mini festival of new puppet theater from its puppet lab, under the direction of Matt Acheson and Krissy Smith running from January 28 to 31, 2016. The lab has been a hub for experimental puppet theater for 18 years and the festival showcases several new works developed over the last year, with performances split into two programs. Expect a diverse program, with works centering on urban living to two brother wolves to the friendship of Dada artists Marcel Duchamp and Man Ray.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. St. Ann's Warehouse is located at 45 Water Street, Brooklyn NY 11201. www.stannswarehouse.org.

For showtimes, combination ticket packages and more event details, click [here](#).



Program A - Point Pleasant at last year's Labapalooza! at St. Ann's Warehouse.
Photo by Richard Termine.

2. David Bowie: Sound + Vision

"David Bowie: Sound + Vision," screens from January 30 to 31, 2016 at The Paley Center for Media in New York. The screening of the video retrospective will be divided into two sections. Packages 1-3 (featuring his work from 1964-1982) will screen on Saturday from 12:15 to 5:45 p.m. Packages 4 - 5 (featuring work from 1983-2002) will screen on Sunday from 12:15 to 4:15 p.m. The five-part screening series was culled from archives around the world as well as Bowie's own library, showcasing the musician's pioneering work in music video, rarely seen performances, outtakes,

documentaries, and interviews. Originally presented in 2002, *Sound + Vision* was the first retrospective devoted to the groundbreaking career of the ever-changing Bowie.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens, \$5 for children under fourteen and free for members. The Paley Center for Media New York is located at 25 West 52 Street, New York, NY 10019. www.paleycenter.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

3. Lisa Oppenheim & Sara VanDerBeek Panel Discussion at the Guggenheim

“Conversations with Contemporary Artists: Lisa Oppenheim and Sara VanDerBeek” takes place on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Guggenheim. Held in conjunction with “Photo-Poetics: An Anthology”, the Guggenheim is hosting a series of panel discussions with artists featured in the exhibition. Lisa Oppenheim and Sara VanDerBeek will discuss their exhibited work, followed by a group conversation moderated by curators Jennifer Blessing and Susan Thompson.

Admission is \$15, \$10 for members, \$5 for staff of other museums, free for students with [RSVP](#). The Guggenheim is located at 1071 5th Ave, New York, NY 10128. www.guggenheim.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

4. *The Astronaut's Tale* Opera at BAM

Encompass New Opera Theatre presents *The Astronaut's Tale* at the Brooklyn Academy of Music from January 28 - 31, 2016. Featuring stunning images of the galaxies and outer space, the opera presents a modern tale of a young man who dreams of space travel and flying to Mars. Guided by a mysterious stranger who challenges his views on creation, the young man's discoveries along the way catapults him into space while transforming his life.

The Opera is accompanied with an Opening Night Reception following the performance on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 9:15 p.m. which honors Michael Massimino, former NASA astronaut, curator at NYC's Intrepid Sea Air and Space Museum, and professor at Columbia University. Tickets are \$125 and include the performance. Tickets are \$125 and include the performance.

Post-show Talk with performers and astronomers from Columbia University take place on Friday, January 29, at 9:15 p.m.; on Saturday, January 30, at 4:15 and 9:15 p.m. and on Sunday, January 31, at 4:15 p.m. Features Eapen Leubner, Lianne Gennaco, Frank Basile, and Christopher Vettel and guest astronomers.

Tickets to *The Astronaut's Tale* range from \$20 to \$100. The Brooklyn Academy of Music's BAM Fisher space is located at 321 Ashland Place, Brooklyn NY 11217. www.bam.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



“The Astronaut’s Tale” at BAM.

5. New York Wild Film Festival

The New York Wild Film Festival takes place from January 28 to 31, 2016 at The Explorer’s Club. The inaugural film festival presents 17 documentaries from around the world aiming to bring the wilds of the jungle to the concrete one. Documentaries topics vary and include exploration and adventure, wildlife, conservation, the environment and more. Click [here](#) for a full line up.

In addition to screenings, expect receptions, film introductions, Talk Backs and Q&As. A panel discussion takes place on Sunday, January 31, from 3:50 to 4:30 p.m. on “Pushing the Limits: Expeditions and Filmmaking” moderated by Rebecca Martin of the National Geographic Society with panelists Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi (Director, *Meru*), Josh Lowell (Director, *A Line Across the Sky*) and Anton Seimon (Atmospheric and environmental scientist, National Geographic Grantee Expeditions Council, and veteran Tornado Alley storm chaser.)

Tickets range from \$21.99 to \$74.49. A Festival pass is \$168.99. The Explorer’s Club is located at 46 East 70th St., New York, NY 10021. www.nywildfilmfestival.com.

Click [here](#) for event details.



Still from “Unbranded,” screening at New York Wild Film Festival.

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