



5 NYC Things To Do through February 14, 2016

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Searching for things to do in New York City? Here are our picks for five art and culture events taking place through February 14, 2016 in New York City. Dance, a designer talk, game playing and more are on our list for fun things to do in New York City through the weekend.

1. “Alwin Nikolais Celebration” at the Joyce Theater

The Alwin Nikolais Celebration takes place from February 9 to 14, 2016 at the Joyce Theater. The work of master multi-media dance choreographer Alwin Nikolais will be performed by the Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company under the artistic direction of Alberto del Saz. The program includes *Tensile Involvement* (1955), *Gallery* (1978), *Mechanical Organ III* (1983), and *Crucible* (1985). This is the first time the work of Alwin Nikolais is returning to The Joyce since the 2010 worldwide centennial celebration of the master choreographer.

A Curtain Chat takes place following the performance on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, featuring a discussion with members of the cast.

Tickets are \$45 to \$60 with special tickets offered at \$10 by calling JoyceCharge at 212.242.0800. Regular tickets can be purchased online by clicking [here](#). The Joyce Theater is located at 175 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10011. www.joyce.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



“Alwin Nikolais Celebration” at the Joyce Theater. Photo: Brent Herridge.

2. “This Place” Artists Discussion at the Brooklyn

Museum

Related to its new photography exhibition, "[This Place](#)," the Brooklyn Museum presents a discussion exploring some of the featured photographers' experiences on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. The event highlights stories and lessons learned while the photographers documented Israel and the West Bank. Moderating is Jeff L. Rosenheim, curator from the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Department of Photographs, with panelists including project initiator Frederic Brenner and photographers Rosalind Fox Solomon and Thomas Struth.

Tickets are free on a first-come, first-served basis. The discussion is held in the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium of the Brooklyn Museum, located at 200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn NY 11238. www.brooklynmuseum.org.

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"Ruth Chaya Leonov-Carmely, Nechama Weitman, Pnina Leonov" by Frédéric Brenner, 2010. Archival pigment print, 23 5/8 x 18 3/4 inches. © Frederic Brenner, courtesy of Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York. Courtesy Brooklyn Museum.

3. Design Talk at Cooper Hewitt with the Haas Brothers and Sisters

The Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum hosts a talk featuring furniture and object designers The Haas Brothers and Sisters on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 5 p.m. Reunited for the first time in the United States, The Haas Brothers and Sisters created the Afreaks collection, a series of joyful and fantastical beaded flora and fauna furniture and sculptural works that are part of the exhibition, "[Beauty—Cooper Hewitt Design Triennial](#)", opening February 12, 2016 and remaining on view through August 21, 2016.

The objects in the Afreaks collection explore themes of nature, sexuality, social equity and authorship. The Afreaks collection was made through the collaboration of The Haas Brothers, a partnership between designers and twin brothers Nikolai and Simon Haas, and their "Haas Sisters", craftswomen from the Khayelitsha informal settlement outside of Cape Town in South Africa who adopted the self-described name.

The talk on Saturday explores concepts of beauty, authorship and community. The designers will be interviewed by Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum assistant curator and triennial co-curator Andrea Lipps.

Tickets are \$15, \$10 for members and \$8 for students. The Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum is located at 2 East 91 Street, New York NY 10128. www.cooperhewitt.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

4. “Sunday Sessions: Valium Valentine” at MoMA PS1

Sunday Sessions presents “Valium Valentine” on Sunday, February 14 at noon. The six-hour musical performance is a collaboration between songwriter/producer and Miike Snow lead singer, Andrew Wyatt, and artist Sarah Ortmeyer. Throughout the performance Wyatt is joined by guest musicians for an improvised durational piece. Each hour female singers each perform a song that Wyatt has composed for the event. Sarah Ortmeyer will transform Moma PS1’s VW Dome into a planetarium of egg-shaped stars for the performance.

[Tickets](#) are \$15, \$13 for members. Moma PS1 is located at 22-25 Jackson Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101.

Click [here](#) for event details.

5. Medieval Games & “The World in Play” at The Cloisters

The exhibition “The World in Play: Luxury Cards, 1430–1540” springs to life on Sunday, February 14, 2016 during “Family Day at The Cloisters: The World in Play”. Held from noon to 4 p.m., visitors are invited to celebrate games enjoyed from medieval times to the present with playing cards, chess instruction, an artist demonstration and other activities. Medieval children’s games, including “Playing the Knot,” “Building an Arch,” “Masks,” and “Making a Procession”, will be recreated based on a 1560 painting by Pieter Bruegel the Elder.

The event is free with museum admission. The Cloisters are located at 99 Margaret Corbin Drive, Fort Tryon Park, New York, NY 10040. www.metmuseum.org.

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