



5 NYC Things To Do Through February 20, 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 20, 2016. Theater, a museum panel, artists in conversation along with live music and experimental dance are on our list for cultural things to do in New York City through the weekend.

1. Valda Setterfield & John Scott's *Lear* at New York Live Arts

A personal and playful take on Shakespeare's tragedy transformed into dance, *Lear* will be presented from February 17 – 20, 2016 at New York Live Arts in Chelsea. Dance legend Valda Setterfield collaborates with John Scott, Artistic Director of Dublin-based John Scott Dance, in this personal, playful and tender take on Shakespeare's tragedy, Setterfield plays King Lear and Lear's daughters are portrayed by men, including Irish dancer Ryan O'Neill and French dancer Kevin Coquelard. A Post Show Discussion takes place on February 18, 2016 with Wendy Perron.

[Tickets](#) start at \$15. New York Live Arts is located at 219 W 19th Street, New York, NY 10011. www.newyorklivearts.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

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"Lear." Photo by Patrick Moore.

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2. Discussion: "Who Owns Digital Social Memory?" at the New Museum

A panel exploring the question, "Who Owns Digital Social Memory?" takes place on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the New Museum. New kinds of cultural archives have emerged in recent years on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram. With the advent of social

media, questions about who archives social information publicly available online, who owns it and privacy concerns raised by social media archiving. To address these questions, the panel bring together archivists and cultural producers whose work focuses on social media as a context for understanding ourselves as individuals and communities.

[Tickets](#) are \$15, \$10 for members. The New Museum is located at 235 Bowery, New York, NY 10002. www.newmuseum.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

3. Sarah Skaggs, *The New Ecstatic 2.0* at Abrons Art Center

Sarah Skaggs presents *The New Ecstatic 2.0* from February 18 to 21, 2016 at Abrons Art Center. Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. from Thursday to Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The experimental dance performance is a duet between Sarah Skaggs and dancer Cori Kresge. Skaggs and Kresage explore “how the body navigates everyday experiences of grief, joy, boredom, rage, and freedom in a world defined by extremes.”

[Admission](#) is \$20. Abrons Art Center is located at 466 Grand Street, New York, NY 10002. www.abronsartscenter.org.

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Sarah Skaggs and Cori Kresge, “The New Ecstatic 2.0.”

4. Budapest Festival Orchestra at Carnegie Hall

The Budapest Festival Orchestra conducted by Iván Fischer performs on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 8 p.m. at Carnegie Hall. The concert presents three popular, overtly “public” works from two centuries and three nationalities. Each was a crowd-pleaser in its time and continues to be in ours, and each explores to the fullest extent the colors of a modern symphony orchestra. The program includes Weber’s Overture to *Der Freischütz*, Liszt’s Piano Concerto No. 1 and Prokofiev’s Symphony No. 5. The concert also features virtuoso pianist Marc-André Hamelin.

[Tickets](#) range from \$16 to \$95. Carnegie Hall is located at 881 7th Ave, New York, NY 10019. www.carnegiehall.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

5. Art & Activism: A Conversation at the Brooklyn Museum

A Conversation with artists Martha Rosler, Nancy Buchanan, and Andrea Bowers takes place on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Brooklyn Museum. All three artists are currently exhibiting in "Agitprop!" at the New York City art museum. During the conversation, the artists will discuss the intersection of art and activism in their practices.

"Agitprop!" connects contemporary art devoted to social change with historic moments in creative activism, highlighting activities that seek to motivate broad and diverse publics. The exhibition opened with works by 20 contemporary artists responding to urgent issues of the day, in dialogue with five historical case studies. New waves of artist will be added to the exhibition on February 17 and April 6, 2016 with each wave of artist choosing the next.

The event is free with museum admission. The conversation can be seen via Livestream [here](#). The Brooklyn Museum is located at 200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238. www.brooklynmuseum.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



"#justiceforjanedoe, Anonymous Women Protestors, Steubenville Rape Case, March 13-17, 2013" by Andrea Bowers, 2014. Graphite on paper. 30 x 22.5 inches. Courtesy of the artist and Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects. Photo: Robert Wedemeyer.

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