

Things To Do in the Hamptons & East End - Through May 8, 2016

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The Hamptons and the East End are starting to bloom and there's plenty of things to do in the upcoming weeks. Our list includes theater, a play festival, garden tours, window dressing design discussion, live music and more. Read on to discover our list of stand-out events and things to do in The Hamptons, the North Fork and on the East End of Long Island through May 8, 2016.

1. Reading with Erica Jong

[Erica Jong](#) is the final writer featured in Stony Brook Southampton's Writers Speak Wednesday series for the winter/spring edition. Jong will read from and discuss her latest novel, *Fear of Dying* on April 27, 2016 at the college. Jong's accolades include Italy's Sigmund Freud Award, France's Deauville Literary Award, the UN Award for Excellence in Literature and Poetry Magazine's Bess Hokin Prize.

Writers Speak Wednesdays are free and open to the public. The evening begins with a brief reception at 6:30 p.m., a reading at 7 p.m., followed by a Q&A and book signing.

All programs are held in the Radio Lounge on the second floor of Chancellors Hall at Stony Brook Southampton, 239 Montauk Highway, Southampton, NY 11968. www.stonybrook.edu/southampton.

Click [here](#) for event details.

2. Bay Street's 3rd Annual New Works Festival

Bay Street Theater will present the 3rd Annual New Works Festival from April 29 to May 1, 2016.

The three-day festival includes readings of plays and musicals in development by New York playwrights. The festival aims to give writers a chance to hear their works read in front of an audience as part of the development process and gives audience members the chance to experience new and cutting-edge theater. Each piece will be read in its entirety by professional actors accompanied by minimal staging. A talk back follows each reading featuring the playwrights.

"The Roommate" by Jen Silverman takes place on Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m., "Community" by Stephen Kaplan takes place on Saturday, April 30 at 3 p.m., "From Ship to Shape" by Walker Vreeland takes place on Saturday, April 30 at 8 p.m., and the new musical "The Man in the Ceiling"

by Jules Feiffer and music and lyrics by Andrew Lipka takes place on Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m.

Admission is free. Reserve tickets online or by calling the Box Office at (631) 725-9500. Bay Street Theater is located at 1 Bay St, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. www.baystreet.org.

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The New Works Festival. Courtesy Bay Street Theater.

3. Live Music at Castello di Borghese

Castello di Borghese presents live music by Marguerite Volonts on April 30, 2016 from 1 to 3 p.m. [Marguerite Volonts](#) sings, plays piano, guitar and viola.

Castello di Borghese is located at 17150 County Road 48, Cutchogue, NY 11935. www.castellodiborghese.com.

Click [here](#) for event details.

4. Strauss' Elektra Live in HD at Guild Hall

"Strauss' "Elektra" will be screened Live in HD on April 30, 2016 at 1 p.m. at [Guild Hall](#). Presented in collaboration with the [Metropolitan Opera](#).

"Elektra" is Strauss's take on the Greek myth exploring Elektra's primal quest for vengeance for the murder of her father, Agamemnon. The production features mezzo-soprano Waltraud Meier as Elektra's mother, Klytämnestra and Soprano Adrienne Pieczonka and bass-baritone Eric Owens as

Elektra's siblings. Chéreau's musical collaborator Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts.

[Tickets](#) are \$22, \$20 for GH Members and \$15 for students. Guild Hall is located at 158 Main St, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org.

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5. "The Night Alive" by Conor McPherson

The John Drew Theater in Association with Ellen Myers presents the theater performance "The Night Alive" by Conor McPherson from May 4 to May 22, 2016 at [Guild Hall](#). Performances will be held Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m.

[Conor McPherson](#)'s new play mines the humanity found in the most unlikely of situations through a meeting between Tommy and Aimee. As the characters struggle to come to terms with the complications of the past, they uncover a glimmer of hope for their future. Directed by Stephen Hamilton. The production features J. Stephen Brantley, Molly Carden, Rob DiSario, Tuck Milligan and Kevin O'Rourke.

[General admission](#) is \$35 or \$33 for GH Members and \$10 for students. Guild Hall is located at 158 Main St, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org.

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Kevin O'Rourke as Tommy and Molly Carden as Aimee in "The Night Alive." Photo: Dane DuPuis.

6. National Public Gardens Day

Public gardens in The Hamptons will celebrate [National Public Gardens Day](#) on Friday, May 6, 2016.

Free tours and admission will be offered [Bridge Gardens](#) in Bridgehampton, [Madoo Conservancy](#) in Sagaponack and [LongHouse Reserve](#) in East Hampton. Visitors are invited to learn more about the role botanical gardens and arboreta play in promoting environmental stewardship, water conservation and gardening-based education.

All Tours and Entrance to the Gardens is Free. Space is limited, reservations required. Some of the tours are already sold out so contact the garden of interest for information. Admission to all gardens is free in celebration of National Public Gardens Day. www.peconiclandtrust.org, www.madoo.org www.longhouse.org.

7. Salon Series: Solomon Eichner

The [Parrish Art Museum](#) continues its 2016 Salon Series on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 6 p.m. with pianist Solomon Eichner and special guests pianist [Tanya Gabrielian](#).

Salon Series offers intimate concerts with a new generation of classical musicians. [Soloman Eichner](#) is known for his performance of the romantic keyboard repertoire including Liszt, Chopin, Brahms, Prokofiev, and Rachmaninoff. An award-winning musician, he has performed in prestigious competitions including the 2015 Coeur d'Alene Symphony Young Artist Competition (Spokane, WA); the 2014 Chopin Kosciuszko Competition (New York) and the Byrd Competition (Flint, MI). His awards include Second Prize at the 2013 Liszt-Garrison International Piano Competition, and Second Prize and Chinese Award in the 2013 International Young Artists Competition at Catholic University in Washington, D.C

[Tickets](#) are \$20 and \$10 for members and students. Children are free. Includes museum admission. The Parrish Art Museum is located at 279 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, NY 11976. www.parrishart.org.

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Solomon Eichner. Photo: Wasin Prasertlap.

8. “Meet the Winners” of Guild Hall’s 2016 Artist Members Exhibition

The winners of the 2016 Artist Members Exhibition will gather to give a tour of the show and their work on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 3 p.m. at [Guild Hall](#).

Led by Stephanie de Troy Miller, Registrar/Curatorial Assistant/Lewis B. Cullman Associate for Museum Education, the winners of [Guild Hall’s Annual Artist Member Exhibition](#) will be interviewed about their winning art work and their artist practice.

Guild Hall’s annual Artist Members Exhibition welcomes all artists who are members of the museum to submit one work for inclusion in the show and is judged by an art world professional. This year’s exhibition was judged by [Jiajia Fei](#), the Director of Digital for [The Jewish Museum](#). Top Honor’s winner is Sara Kriendler for her mixed media work *Calendario Luna*. To discover Top Honor winners from past exhibition, read [Roll Call: Guild Hall’s Artist Members Exhibition Top Honor Winners](#) by Pat

Rogers.

The talk and admission to the museum is free. Guild Hall is located at 158 Main St, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org.

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9. Creating Fantasy: Behind the Glass at Bergdorf Goodman

The Montauk Library presents “Creative Fantasy: Behind the Glass at Bergdorf Goodman” on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Windows Production Manager at Bergdorf Goodman, [Demetrios Argyropoulos](#), will speak about the small group of dedicated artists working in the rapidly disappearing field of window dressing. [Bergdorf Goodman](#) is one of the last bastions for this kind of “street theatre,” or creating fantastical storefront displays designed to entertain and entice passerby. The discussion and slide presentation will enable artists, designers and fashionistas to meet Demetrios, see some of his favorite windows and learn what it’s like to work in the window dressing field.

Free and open to the public. The Montauk Library is located at 871 Montauk Hwy, Montauk, NY 11954. www.montauklibrary.org.

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