



Things To Do in NYC - Through June 5, 2016

May 24, 2016

by Hamptons Art Hub Staff

New York City is buzzing with art and culture events over the next two weeks. In this installment of our *Things To Do in NYC* column, expect performance art, discussions led by artists and designers, a garden party, an awards ceremony and live music. Read on for our list of top events to attend in NYC through June 5, 2016.

1. Beth Gill - Catacomb Performances

The Chocolate Factory Theater presents “Beth Gill - Catacomb” from May 18 to 28, 2016. Performances will take place Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., with an additional performance on Tuesday May 24, 2016 at 8 p.m.

Choreographer [Beth Gill](#), with long-time design collaborators [Thomas Dunn](#) (lighting) and [Jon Moniaci](#) (sound), returns to the Chocolate Factory for a new site-specific performance. Inspired by the imagination and the subconscious, the piece creates a dreamlike, sensory-rich world, which fully immerses the audience. Gill creates an intimate, surrealist space that builds on the formalism of her past several works, while forging new psychologically driven terrain through her recent explorations.

Performed by Maggie Cloud, Jennifer Lafferty, Heather Lang, Stuart Singer and Marilyn Maywald Yahel. Vocalists: Rachel Kara Perez and Peter Sciscioli.

[Tickets](#) are \$18. The Chocolate Factory Theater is located at 5-49 49th Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101. www.chocolatefactorytheater.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

2. Photographer Panel Discussion at ICP

The International Center of Photography presents “Making A Difference: Image To Action, Photographer As Activist” on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m.

This panel discussion features representatives from three collectives who will share their own experiences of using photography and art as a form of political or social currency and as a tool to empower individuals and communities. The panel presenters are [Benjamin Petit](#), Kyla Woods, [#Dysturb](#), Amin Husain, [MTL](#), and [Lorena Ros](#), Marvi Lacar, [1in20](#).

[Tickets](#) are \$10 and free for ICP members, students and alumni. RSVP is required. The International Center of Photography is located at 1114 Ave of the Americas, New York, NY 10036. www.icp.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

3. Artist Performance & Discussion at the New Museum

The New Museum will present “Cally Spooner Special Performance and Talk-Back with Helga Christoffersen” on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 7 p.m.

The artist [Cally Spooner](#) has conceived a special performance for this event. After the performance a talk-back with Spooner and Assistant Curator [Helga Christoffersen](#) will take place. Part of the New Museum’s presentation of “[On False Tears and Outsourcing](#),” this live event is an iteration of Spooner’s long-term project of the same name, which was initiated in Vleeshal Markt, Middelburg, the Netherlands, in 2015. The artist lives and works in London.

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

Click [here](#) for event details.



“Baby I Got Better Things To Be Doing With My Time” by Cally Spooner, 2014 (still). Eight 4K Ultra HD commercials; durations between :30 sec and 2 min. Commissioned by Frieze Projects, London; and High Line Art. Courtesy Frieze Projects, London; and Friends of the High Line.

4. DanceAfrica Festival 2016 at BAM

BAM presents the 2016 DanceAfrica Festival from May 25 to 30, 2016. Returning for its 39th year, the nation’s largest festival dedicated to African dance brings together performance, art, film, and an array of community events all celebrating culture from Africa.

The 2016 festival’s focus is on the dance and music traditions of Senegal and will feature the debut of Abdel R. Salaam as the festival’s new artistic director.

For the full schedule of events taking place click [here](#). BAM is located at 30 Lafayette Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217. www.bam.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

5. Shared Evening: Justin Cabrillos / Lauren Bakst and Yuri Masnyj at Danspace Project

Danspace Project presents “Shared Evening: Justin Cabrillos / Lauren Bakst and Yuri Masnhj on May 26 to 28, 2016 at 8 p.m.

Danspace will present shared evenings of new commissions by emerging artists. [Lauren Bakst](#) creates performances and [Yuri Masnyj](#) makes drawings and sculptures. Since 2014, they have been combining their practices to make new work together. [Justin Cabrillos](#) is a choreographer and performer.

[Tickets](#) are \$20 for general and \$15 for members. Danspace Project is located at 131 E 10th St, New York, NY 10003. www.danspaceproject.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



Photo courtesy Lauren Bakst and Yuri Masnhj.

6. Talk at the Jewish Museum

The Jewish Museum presents “Wish You Were Here: George Gershwin” on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Jens Hoffmann, Deputy Director, Exhibitions and Public Programs and “George Gershwin,” portrayed by pianist and playwright [Hershey Felder](#) will have an evening of discussion. Over the past twenty years, Hershey Felder has played over 4,500 performances of his self-created solo productions at some of the world’s most prestigious theaters.

[Tickets](#) are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for students and seniors, and \$10 for members. The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 5th Ave, New York, NY 10128. www.thejewishmuseum.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



“George Gershwin” by Andy Warhol, from “Ten Portraits of Jews of the Twentieth Century,” 1980. © 2014 The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc / Artists Rights Society (ARS). Courtesy of Ronald Feldman Fine

7. MoMA's 2016 Party in the Garden

The [Museum of Modern Art](#) will present its 2016 Party in the Garden on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. Cocktails begin at 7 p.m. with dinner starting at 8 p.m. The After-Party is set from 9 p.m. to midnight and the VIP After-Party will move to The Modern Restaurant from 9 to 1 a.m.

This year's Party in the Garden will honor [Amanda and Glen Fuhrman](#), [Sally and Wynn Kramarsky](#) and artists [Huma Bahabha](#), [Mark Bradford](#) and [Brice Marden](#). Expect a special musical performance by Robyn and a DJ Set by Matthew Dear.

Set in MoMA's sculpture garden, the evening will benefit the Museum's general operating funds, support their educational programs, as well as the care, study, and exhibition of the collection.

Tickets can be purchased [here](#). MoMA is located at 11 W 53rd St, New York, NY 10019. www.moma.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

8. Design Talk at Cooper Hewitt

The Cooper Hewitt Museum presents "Design Talks | Games Changers: Jenny Sabin on High-Performance Architecture" on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sabin will be in conversation with Cooper Hewitt Senior Curator of Contemporary Design, Ellen Lupton.

[Jenny Sabin](#) is at the forefront of a new direction for twenty-first-century architectural practice. This new direction investigates the intersections of architecture and science, and applies insights and theories from biology and mathematics to the design of material structures. Her experimental architectural design studio develops models and prototypes for high-tech composite fabrics.

[Tickets](#) are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for member and \$8 for students. Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum is located at 2 E 91st St, New York, NY 10128. www.cooperhewitt.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



PolyThread A project by Jenny E. Sabin, Jenny Sabin Studio Commissioned by Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum for "Beauty—Cooper Hewitt Design Triennial", 2016. Photo by Matt Flynn.

9. 2016 Sackler Center First Awards

[The Brooklyn Museum](#) presents the 2016 Sackler Center First Awards on Thursday, June 2, 2016 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Reception will be from 6 to 7 p.m., the program from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and dinner will be at 8:30 p.m.

The [Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art](#) at the Brooklyn Museum will present the Sackler Center First Awards, honoring women who are first in their fields. This year, Angela Y. Davis, a Feminist Scholar Activist for Social Justice will be honored. The awards ceremony includes a welcome by New York City First Lady Chirlane McCray, highlights from *Free Angela* by Shola Lynch, a conversation with Gloria Steinem and an award presentation with Elizabeth A. Sackler.

[Tickets](#) start at \$50. Special pricing is available for Brooklyn Museum members and Council for Feminist Art members. The Brooklyn Museum is located at 200 Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11238. www.brooklynmuseum.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

10. Ligeti Forward Performance at the Met

The [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) presents *Ligeti Forward* on Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m., on Saturday, June 4 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday June 5 at 2 p.m.

Hungarian György Ligeti said he saw colors when he heard sounds. On the tenth anniversary of the composer's death, MetLiveArts will team up with the [New York Philharmonic](#) and the Ensemble of the [LUCERNE FESTIVAL ALUMNI](#) for a three-concert mini-marathon focusing on the music of Ligeti as well as the successors he influenced.

Each concert in *Ligeti Forward* pairs one of Ligeti's concertos with new works that it inspired. Alan Gilbert and David Fulmer will conduct the performances and the ensemble will be made up of the LUCERNE FESTIVAL ALUMNI. On Friday Conor Hanick will perform on the piano, on Saturday Jay Campbell will play the cello and on Sunday Pekka Kuusisto will perform on the violin. These events will also be [live-streamed](#).

[Tickets](#) are \$50 and include museum admission. The Met is located at 1000 5th Ave, New York, NY 10028. www.metmuseum.org.

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

BASIC FACTS: Hamptons Art Hub reveals cultural events and things to do in our bi-weekly columns *Things To Do in NYC* and *Things To Do in The Hamptons and East End*. Click [here](#) to visit our Events Page to discover things to do including art happening, exhibition openings and more. Or, click [here](#) for events on the East End and [here](#) for events in New York City.

Looking for galleries, exhibitions on view? Visit our [Gallery Guide](#) or [Exhibition Finder](#) to discover art and where to find it.

Copyright 2016 Hamptons Art Hub LLC. All rights reserved.