



NYC Things To Do - Through August 14, 2016

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Dance, art parties, artist talks and a smiley face portrait project made our list of things to do in New York City in the next two weeks. We've selected events in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens to keep you moving throughout the boroughs, despite the summer heat. Events and things to do with an art and culture twist take place through August 14, 2016.

1. ADF Presents Dance Theatres

American Dance Festival presents Rosie Herrera Dance Theatre and Provincial Dance Theatre in two separate programs held from **August 1 to 6, 2016** at the Joyce Theater. **Program A** (*Sepia, Maple Garden*) is performed by Provincial Dances Theatre and takes place from **August 1 to 3** at 7:30 p.m. (Program contains brief partial nudity). **Program B** (*Various Stages of Drowning: A Cabaret*) is performed by Rosie Herrera Dance Theatre and is presented from **August 4 to 6** at 8 p.m.

The American Dance Festival is designed to highlight works by two contemporary choreographers: [Tatiana Baganova](#) and [Rosie Herrera](#). Baganova's work is presented with performances by the Provincial Dance Theatre of Yekaterinburg, Russia, who make its New York debut. Their program features Baganova's *Sepia*, a work inspired by the atmosphere of Kobo Abe's book, *Woman in the Dunes*; as well as *Maple Garden*, a work that can be described as "part fairy tale, part grim dream."

Herrera's choreography is highlighted in performance by the Rosie Herrera Dance Theater. The program includes *Carne Viva*, a quartet exploring what it means to believe in magic and her breakout piece, *Various Stages of Drowning: A Cabaret*, which uses dance, theater, cabaret and underwater film.

Tickets can be purchased by clicking [here](#). The Joyce Theater is located at 175 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10011. www.joyce.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

2. Artist Conversation at The Whitney

The Whitney Museum of American Art presents "Mirror Cells: A Salon" on **Thursday, August 4, 2016** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Susan and John Hess Family Theater.

Exhibiting artists in “[Mirror Cells](#),” on view through August 21, 2016 at the Whitney, will host a conversation about their work with scientists, scholars, and curators. Speakers will include neuroscientist Dr. Sara Constantino, psychoanalyst Dr. Ezra Feinberg, curator Jody Graf, art historian Leah Pires, and others. The artists will introduce the invited speakers, who will discuss the artists’ practices through their own varied interdisciplinary perspectives. An open discussion with the audience follows.

[Tickets](#) are \$10 for adults, \$8 for members, students and seniors. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins. The Whitney Museum is located at 99 Gansevoort St, New York, NY 10014. www.whitney.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



Installation view of “Mirror Cells” (May 13—August 21, 2016). Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. Photograph by Genevieve Hanson, N.Y.

3. Thursday Nights at The Brooklyn Museum

The Brooklyn Museum presents “Thursday Nights” on **Thursday, August 4, 2016**. Events begin at 6 p.m.

On Thursday Nights, The Brooklyn Museum offers free admission to exhibitions, classes, lectures and more. This edition presents DJ [Juliana Huxtable](#) from 6 to 8 p.m., a screening for the twentieth anniversary of the film [Space Jam](#) at 8 p.m., and [David Byrne and Stephen Powers in Conversation with Tom Healy](#) at 8 p.m.

The Brooklyn Museum is located at 200 Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11238. www.brooklynmuseum.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



Juliana Huxtable. Photo by Kelly Kai.
Courtesy of the Brooklyn Museum.

4. Smiley Bag Portrait by Artist Nobutaka Aozaki

The Queens Museum presents “Smiley Bag Portrait by Artist Nobutaka Aozaki” on **August 6, 7, 13 and 14, 2016** in various locations in Queens.

For the participatory art project, Nobutaka Aozaki will draw portraits on a smiley face bag. Expect to find her on **Saturday, August 6** at [Flushing Library](#), on **Sunday, August 7** at [Jackson Heights Diversity Plaza](#), on **Saturday, August 13** at [Queens Museum](#), and on **Sunday, August 14** at [Corona Plaza](#).

Smiley Bag Portrait is a participatory art project created by [Nobutaka Aozaki](#), who is currently a resident artist in the Queens Museum Studio Program. Nobu utilizes common yellow smiley face plastic grocery bags to draw portraits of the public. Participants will get their free portrait bag with their names, date, location and artist’s signature.

Flushing Library is located at 41-17 Main St, Flushing, NY 11355. Jackson Heights Diversity Plaza is located at Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Queens Museum is located at Flushing Meadows Corona Park, New York City Building, Meridian Rd, Queens, NY 11368. Corona Plaza is located at National St, Corona, NY 11368. www.queensmuseum.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



Nobutaka Aozaki creating Smiley Bag Portraits. Courtesy of the Queens Museum.

5. ISCP Artist Talk

The International Studio & Curatorial Program presents “Salon: Sara Eliassen and Guillermo Mora” on **Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Artist and filmmaker [Sara Eliassen](#) is known for her conceptual cinematic practice investigating how moving images create collective memories and influence history. During her presentation, Eliassen will discuss the gendered gaze in moving image as well as some of her forays into public space as a media activist. These works will frame current projects she has created while in residence at ISCP.

Artist [Guillermo Mora](#)’s recent work explores the forgotten histories of painting and acts of concealment, overlapping and disappearance. He will speak about his new project *Hantaï escondido* (*Hidden Hantaï*), based on the story of artist [Simon Hantaï](#)’s painting *Untitled [Suite “Blancs”]*, 1973.

ISCP is located at 1040 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211. www.iscp-nyc.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

6. David Dorfman Dance and Cocktails at Cooper Hewitt

Cooper Hewitt presents David Dorfman Dance at Cocktails at Cooper Hewitt, on **Thursday, August 11, 2016 from 6 to 9 p.m.**

Visitors are invited to enjoy a performance by [David Dorfman Dance](#), cocktails and dancing, all held in the recently renewed Arthur Ross Terrace & Garden. Cocktails and light fare are available for purchase. David Dorfman Dance aims to create innovative, inclusive, humanistic movement-based performance and to engage the audience in dialogue about social change.

[Tickets](#) are free for Members, \$13 online and \$15 at the door. Includes one complimentary drink. Held rain or shine. Cooper Hewitt is located at 2 E 91st St, New York, NY 10128. www.cooperhewitt.org.

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