



# Things To Do on The East End - Highlights through February 12, 2017

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Looking for art and cultural events on the East End? Look no further. Film is a highlight in the upcoming week with screenings of a documentary and Oscar nominated shorts. Other unique events include a Lunar New Year and Asian Arts Celebration, performances by Artists-In-Residence and more. Read on for the options through February 12, 2017.

## Bestselling Author Helen Simonson Kicks off Spring Writers Speak Wednesdays Series at Stony Brook Southampton

Stony Brook Southampton presents bestselling novelist Helen Simonson on **Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7 p.m.** in the Radio Lounge on the second floor of Chancellors Hall. The evening will begin with a brief reception at **6:30 p.m.**; a reading at **7 p.m.** and will be followed by a Q&A and book signing.

Helen Simonson, who earned her MFA in Creative Writing at Stony Brook Southampton in 2008, turned her thesis into a debut novel — “Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand” — that became a New York Times bestseller. Her second novel, “The Summer Before the War,” was released in 2016. This will be the first guest in the spring Writers Speak Wednesdays series of free author talks and readings open to the public at [Stony Brook Southampton](http://Stony Brook Southampton).

Writers Speak Wednesdays programs are free and open to the public. The Radio Lounge on the second floor of Chancellors Hall is located at Stony Brook Southampton, 239 Montauk Highway, Southampton, NY 11968. [www.stonybrook.edu/southampton/](http://www.stonybrook.edu/southampton/).

Click [here](#) for event details.

## Parrish Art Screen Documentary, *Underwater Dreams*

Parrish Art Museum presents a screening of the documentary “Underwater Dreams” on **Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 6 p.m.**

The documentary film “Underwater Dreams” explores an epic story that follows the sons of

undocumented Mexican immigrants, who fashion a robot from Home Depot products and defeat engineering powerhouse M.I.T. in a NASA-sponsored robotics competition. Written and directed by Mary Mazzio and narrated by Michael Peña. 2014, NR, 86 minutes.

Free with Museum admission. [Advanced registration](#) suggested. Recommended for ages 10 and older. Parrish Art Museum is located at 279 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, NY 11976. [www.parrishart.org](http://www.parrishart.org).

Click [here](#) for event details.

## **Bay Street Theater Partners with Hamptons International Film Festival to Showcase Oscar Nominated Shorts**

Bay Street Theater and [Hamptons International Film Festival](#) will showcase [Oscar](#) Nominated Shorts on **Saturday, February 11, 2017**, with screenings being held at **12 p.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.** at Bay Street Theater.

Audiences will have the chance to see the new Academy Award nominees in the categories of [Best Live Action Short Film](#) and [Best Animated Short Film](#). This represents the 12th consecutive year that [Shorts HD](#) and [Magnolia Pictures](#) present this theatrical experience.

[Tickets](#) are \$14 per screening or \$24 for both. Bay Street Theater is located at 1 Bay St, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. [www.baystreet.org](http://www.baystreet.org). [www.hamptonsfilmfest.org](http://www.hamptonsfilmfest.org).

Click [here](#) for event details.

## **Lunar New Year and Asian Arts Celebration at Southampton Cultural Center**

The Southampton Cultural Center presents "A Chinese Lunar New Year/Asian Arts Celebration" on **Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 3 to 7 p.m.** at the Levitas Center for the Arts on Pond Lane in Southampton Village.

The celebration features live stage performances by Asian instrumentalists, singers and dancers, a "Taste of Asia" buffet reception and a family-friendly mix of open workshops for children. The event will open with the Lion Dance at 3 p.m., performed by Long Island's popular [Ryu Shu Taiko](#) Japanese Art Center. Children's Workshops will follow from 3 to 5 p.m. The stage performance, takes place from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Southampton Cultural Center's auditorium. The performance showcases accomplished artists who have performed in prestigious venues throughout the metro NY area and beyond. Their countries of origin include China, India, Japan and Okinawa.

Admission is free for the Lion Dance and Family Workshops. Tickets for the performance are \$20 or free for children and students 21 years old or younger with Student ID. Southampton Cultural

Center is located at 25 Pond Ln, Southampton, NY 11968. [www.scc-arts.org](http://www.scc-arts.org).

Click [here](#) for event details.

## **In Process @ The Watermill Center | Cleek Schrey & Gillian Walsh**



Cleek Schrey and Gillian Walsh will explore their work through In Process @ The Watermill Center. Photo by Alex Fabryt, Courtesy of The Watermill Center.

The Watermill Center presents “In Process @ The Watermill Center| Cleek Schrey & Gillian Walsh” on **Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Watermill Artists-in-Residence, [Cleek Schrey](#) and [Gillian Walsh](#), invite the community to explore their work through In Process @ The Watermill Center. In Process invites the community to engage with resident artists on Saturday afternoons through open rehearsals, workshops, studios visits, lectures or artists talks.

[Reservations required](#). The Watermill Center is located at 39 Water Mill Towd Rd, Water Mill, NY 11976. [www.watermillcenter.org](http://www.watermillcenter.org).

Click [here](#) for event details.

## **JDTLab: The Neo-Political Cowgirls and The Retreat present ONE BILLION RISING at Guild Hall**

JDTLab: [The Neo-Political Cowgirls](#) and [The Retreat](#) present “ONE BILLION RISING: SOLIDARITY AGAINST THE EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN” on **Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 2 p.m.** The event will be held in the John Drew Theater in the Dina Merrill Pavilion at Guild Hall.

The One Billion Rising campaign is now in its fifth year. Local singers, songwriters, poets, writers, and other community members are invited to participate with the Neo-Political Cowgirls and The Retreat in uniting with people throughout the world to help end violence against women with written words, song, and dance.

Free. [Reservations required](#). Guild Hall is located at 158 Main St, East Hampton, NY 11937. [www.guildhall.org](http://www.guildhall.org).

Click [here](#) for event details.

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