



Things To Do on the East End- Highlights Through May 14, 2017

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The East End has a broad selection of things to do this weekend, from classical music on both forks to celebrating the history of a fireworks family to appreciation of public gardens. Events include four concerts, an opera screening, a museum opening reception, and opportunities for garden visits. Keep reading for the full details on our picks for this weekend.

Celebrate National Public Gardens

National Public Gardens Day falls this year on Friday, May 12, 2017, and there are public gardens in the Hamptons to both celebrate and support. Anyone who was too late to get tickets for the now sold-out one-hour tours at Bridge Gardens in Bridgehampton, the Madoo Conservancy in Sagaponack, and the LongHouse Reserve in East Hampton can still celebrate the beauty of these public gardens on their own. While Madoo doesn't begin regular weekend hours until after May 15, the LongHouse Reserve has an Open Day from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, and Bridge Gardens is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m. In addition, LongHouse Reserve is hosting its third annual Family Day on Saturday, May 13, 2017 starting at 11 a.m.; activities include an Audubon Bird Walk around the grounds at 4 p.m. The walk will be led by Kelly Rosenheim of the NYC Audubon Society, who will enlighten participants on the wide variety of birds that call the area home.

Bridge Gardens is located at 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932.
www.peconiclandtrust.org/bridge_gardens.

LongHouse Reserve is located at 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, New York 11937.
www.longhouse.org

The Madoo Conservancy is located at 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack, NY 11962.
www.madoo.org.

Rites of Spring Music on North Fork

The Rites of Spring Music Fest series of classical and contemporary performances continues on Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13, 2017 with performances at the Jamesport Meeting House in Jamesport and Borghese Vineyard in Cutchogue respectively. On Friday at 7 p.m., the "Memory Palace Concert" will be presented at the Jamesport Meeting House, a performance of the music of acclaimed "rising star" composer Chris Cerrone featuring percussion instruments and electronic

sounds. A pre-concert conversation will feature Cerrone and percussionist Ian Rosenbaum, and the concert will be followed by a reception featuring wine from Laurel Lake Vineyards.

On Saturday at 5 p.m., Borghese Vineyard will host pianist Niccolò Ronchi presenting a classical piano program featuring the works of Brahms, Liszt, Chopin, Scarlatti, and Prokofiev. The concert will be followed by a reception in collaboration with North Fork Chocolate Company and Borghese Vineyards.

[Tickets](#) for the concert at the Jamesport Meeting House are \$35; registration is required for the concert at Borghese Vineyard, which is free, with a suggested donation. The Jamesport Meeting House is located at 1590 Main Rd, Laurel, NY 11948. Borghese Vineyard is located at 17150 County Rd 48, Cutchogue, NY 11935. www.ritesmusic.org.

Click [here](#) for details.

Live Music at the Southampton Cultural Center

The SPEKTRUM Ensemble—Rebecca Perea, cello; Dr. Andrew Perea, violin; Alex Pryrodny, piano; Trudy Craney, soprano—will present “The Café Connection: Music in Intimate Settings through the Years” at the Southampton Cultural Center on Friday, May 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. The program will feature a journey through music inspired by intimate performance spaces, from Cafe Zimmerman, where Bach performed many of his secular works, to Parisian salons and cabarets where Edith Piaf got her start. The concert will include the music of Kreisler, Puccini, Ysaye, Pauline Viardot and others, as well as jazz improvisations inspired by Chopin.

Admission is free, with donations encouraged. The Southampton Cultural Center is located at 25 Pond Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. www.scc-arts.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

Opening Reception at the Suffolk County Historical Society Museum

The Suffolk County Historical Society will host an opening reception for its new exhibit, “Grucci: The Family That Lights the Skies,” on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 1 p.m. The exhibit explores the family history of the Gruccis, the famed Suffolk County family renowned across the globe for their fireworks extravaganzas and creativity with pyrotechnics. The exhibit will feature family photos, industry artifacts, and behind-the-scenes videos that will illuminate the family’s rise in the fireworks industry after emigrating from southern Italy and detail recent fireworks displays at events around the world. “Grucci: The Family That Lights the Skies” will be on view until September 9, 2017.

Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served. The Suffolk County Historical Society Museum is located at 300 West Main Street Riverhead, NY 11901. www.suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

Met Live “Der Rosenkavalier” Screening at Guild Hall

Guild Hall in East Hampton will be presenting a screening of the Metropolitan Opera’s performance of Richard Strauss “Der Rosenkavalier” on Saturday, May 13, at 12:30 p.m. Loosely adapted from a novel by Louvet de Couvrai and “Monsieur de Pourceaugnac” by Moliere, “Der Rosenkavalier” is a comedic farce that revolves around the Marschallin, a princess who is determined to put a halt to the marriage of a young, innocent ingenue to the Marschallin’s vulgar, brutish cousin, Baron Ochs. Her efforts put into motion events that could potentially ruin her own affair with her much younger lover, Octavian. The opera stars Renée Fleming as the Marschallin, Elīna Garanča as Octavian, and Günther Groissböck as Baron Ochs.

[Tickets](#) range from \$15 to \$22. Guild Hall is located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



Renée Fleming as the Marschallin in Strauss’s Der Rosenkavalier. Photo by Kristian Schuller/Metropolitan Opera. Courtesy of Guild Hall.

Piano Duo at Southampton Cultural Center

The Rising Stars Piano Series continues at the Southampton Cultural Center with a performance by the duo of Arianna Körting and Robin Giesbrecht on Saturday, May 13, at 7 p.m. The two pianists will perform several arrangements of the music of Rachmaninoff, Brahms, and Borodin adapted for two pianos.

[Tickets](#) are \$20. The Southampton Cultural Center is located at 25 Pond Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. www.scc-arts.org.

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Arianna Körting and Robin Giesbrecht. Courtesy of Southampton Cultural Center.

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