



East End Things To Do - Highlights Through September 24, 2017

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This weekend is an especially vibrant one in The Hamptons and East End with festivals and unusual things to do taking place all weekend. Music and maritime both get their due along with events that focus on water and climate change. In a surprise move, the Birdhouse Auction returns after a two-year hiatus. The benefit features creative birdhouses made by 50 artists or creatives. There's even more events to add to your list of things to do that are taking place this weekend plus a look ahead to next week.

If you're feeling lucky, a wait list is being formed for the final two events offered by the [Amagansett Free Library's](#) Art/History/Amagansett Conversation series. The first features Andrea Grover, executive director of Guild Hall, in a conversation with Ned Rifkin, a museum director and former undersecretary of the Smithsonian on Saturday, September 23, 2017. On Sunday, September 24, 2017, [Hamptons Take 2 Documentary Film Festival](#) presents "Portraits of a Lady" with director Neil Leifer and producer Walter Bernard on hand to discuss their documentary. Join the waitlist by clicking [here](#).

Read on for our picks of the best things to do this weekend in The Hamptons and East End through September 24, 2017 plus one bonus pick through September 26, 2017.

Sag Harbor American Music Festival

The Sag Harbor American Music Festival presents its seventh annual edition from **September 21 through September 24, 2017** in venues across Sag Harbor Village.

The music festival is designed to celebrate the unique community of Sag Harbor with four days of free live performances of Jazz, Blues, Folk, R&B, Americana, Rock, Pop and more. Two main stage concerts will be located at the [Old Whalers Church](#). Over the weekend, live music can also be found in numerous outdoor locations plus stores, art galleries and restaurants in the village. For the full 2017 schedule, click [here](#).

Click [here](#) for event details.

Final Film in the Pollock-Krasner House Fall Film Series

Wrapping up this season's theme of "Cinema Behind the Iron Curtain" is a screening of Cristian Mungiu's "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days," 2007 (113 minutes) on **Friday, September 22, 2017 at 7 p.m.**

A winner of the 2007 Palme d'Or at Cannes, the film puts a focus on the Romanian film industry for the film series's conclusion. "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days" speaks out against Communist-era policies in a realistic style, drawing upon authentic historic events to do so, according to the Pollock-Krasner House. The series is hosted by film critic and writer Marion Wolberg Weiss.

Admission is free. The Pollock-Krasner House is located at 830 Springs-Fireplace Road, East Hampton, NY 11937.

Click [here](#) for event details.

East End Maritime Festival

The East End Seaport Museum and Marine Foundation presents the "28th Annual East End Maritime Festival" on **Saturday, September 23, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, and on **Sunday, September 24, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, in spots throughout Greenport Village, Mitchell Park and The Marina.

The [Land & Sea Gala](#) will be held **on Friday, September 22 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** at the [Greenport Yacht & Shipbuilding Co.](#) The evening will feature local food, beverage tastings, dancing and an auction to benefit the [East End Seaport Museum & Marine Foundation](#). [Tickets](#) are \$85 and \$75 for members. Located at 201 Carpenter Street, Greenport, NY 11944. On Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 11 a.m., the fifth annual Merry Merfolk Parade takes place along Main Street to Mitchell Park. Anyone who wishes to create a costume and participate is welcome. Registration is required by clicking [here](#). The event is part of Cornell Cooperative Extension's "Back to the Bays" Initiative and is supported by parade creator Caroline Waloski, an artist and gallerist of Sirens' Song Gallery in Greenport Village.

The Festival also features an ice and classic boat exhibition, a Camera Obscura experience, Buglight cruises, flyboard demonstrations, live music, an East End Food Court, an author talk, a fine art, artisan and high end craft fair and plenty of family friendly activities. The East End Marine Festival celebrates local maritime heritage in a variety of events and benefits the East End Seaport Museum & Marine Foundation. For the full schedule of events, visit www.eastendseaport.org/2017-maritime-festival.

Admission to the festival is free, although fees may apply to some activities. Located in the Village of Greenport, NY 11944. www.eastendseaport.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

Panel Symposium on Water and Climate Change at the Parrish Art Museum

The Parrish Art Museum presents "Panel: Water—A (Re) Source of Inspiration: Part of (Re) Sources: Symposium on Water and Climate Change" on **Friday, September 22, 2017 at 6 p.m.**

As part of a symposium focused on critical issues of water and climate change, the discussion will

feature [John Bouvier](#), Southampton Town Councilman and Member of the Conservation Board; [Alexis Rockman](#), artist; Edwina von Gal, landscape designer and Founder/President of [Perfect Earth Project](#); and other guests. The discussion will be moderated by Press News Group Executive Editor Joseph Shaw. Panelists will discuss their diverse perspectives on the topic of water and climate change through the lens of science, design, art, community and public service to explore new thinking, behavior, technology, and policy.

[Tickets](#) are \$12. Free for members, children, and students. The Parrish Art Museum is located at 279 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, NY 11976. www.parrishart.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

Performance: The Watery Owl of Minerva by Optipus

The Parrish Art Museum presents “Performance: The Watery Owl of Minerva by Optipus” on **Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 8 p.m.** The event is part of the Parrish’s “[\(Re\) Sources: Symposium on Water and Climate Change](#)” Symposium.

“The Watery Owl of Minerva,” is a new live multi-projection and sound performance by the New York-based artist collective and orchestra Optipus. Celebrating the natural world with a focus on water throughout history, Optipus combines original and found imagery including hand-painted slides, Super 8mm and 16mm films, overhead projections, and digital video with original music and sound relating to and referencing nature. Composed by Bradley Eros, this expanded cinema event is organized in collaboration with [Microscope Gallery](#). The hour-long performance features 21 participants who use a variety of film/video formats and instruments that were made or altered by the artists.

[Tickets](#) are \$20 and \$5 for members, children, and students. The Parrish Art Museum is located at 279 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, NY 11976. www.parrishart.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



Optipus performance at Knockdown Center, Queens NY, 2017. Photo courtesy Microscope Gallery

Birdhouse Auction Returns

The Birdhouse Auction returns after a two year hiatus to present its 11th edition on **Saturday, September 23, 2017** at [Union Cantina](#) (the former Publick House) in Southampton, NY.

The benefit auction features creative birdhouses made by local artists and talented people to

benefit [Lucia's Angels](#) and [The Coalition of Women's Cancers at Southampton Hospital](#) in its efforts to fight breast cancer. The benefit includes passed hors d'oeuvres, a full bar and a live and silent auction. Around 50 birdhouses will be up for grabs. Contributors include Stephanie Brody-Lederman, Arlene Bujese, [Daniel Pollera](#), [Scott Bluedorn](#), benefit organizer and artist Karyn Mannix, Gabriele Raacke, [Dan Rizzie](#), [Nicolas Tarr](#), [Will Ryan](#) and others.

Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$60 at the door. For information or to purchase tickets, call (631) 726-8715. Union Cantina is located at 40 Bowden Square, Southampton, NY 11968.

Click [here](#) for event details. Click [here](#) to view the birdhouses.

UPCOMING

Art in Focus Lecture Series

The next installment of the Stony Brook Southampton's new Art in Focus Lecture Series features author and art critic Charles A. Riley II presenting a talk on "Art and the Jazz Age" on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7 p.m. A reception follows the lecture.

Riley's talk is based on his most recent book, "[Free as Gods: How the Jazz Age Reinvented Modernism](#)." The book draws upon unpublished albums, drawings, paintings and manuscripts to examine lesser known writers and artists and their works. Riley is the author of over 20 books on the arts and is the [Director of the Nassau County Museum of Art](#). As curator, he was presented exhibitions devoted to Picasso, Surrealism and contemporary art. As a critic and reporter, he was contributed to numerous national and international art magazines. He is also a lead art critic at [Hamptons Art Hub](#). In addition, he has participated in cultural policy and educational think tanks internationally.

Admission is free but reservations are recommended and can be made by clicking [here](#).

Click [here](#) for event details.

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