East End Things To Do - Through February 4, 2018

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Looking for things to do in The Hamptons or North Fork? Our picks for events to add to your list include concerts, theater, writer talks and the launch of two winter lecture series. Selected events take place on the East End through February 4, 2018.

Writers Speak Wednesdays

Stony Brook Southampton MFA in Creative Writing & Literature presents "Writers Speak Wednesdays" on Wednesdays through May 2, 2018. Leading off is "FACULTY NIGHT" on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018 with a reception starting at** 6:30 p.m. followed by a reading at 7 p.m. by authors and MFA staff Roger Rosenblatt and Lou Ann Walker.

Lou Ann Walker is the Interim Director of the MFA in Creative Writing & Literature. Roger Rosenblatt, a winner of Kenyon Review's Lifetime Literary Achievement Award, has written five New York Times Notable Books of the Year and three NYT bestsellers including "Making Toast" and "Kayak Morning."

Stony Brook Southampton Radio Lounge is located on the second floor of Chancellors Hall at 239 Montauk Hwy, Southampton, NY 11968. <u>www.stonybrook.edu/southampton</u>.

Click <u>here</u> for event details. Next up, is "Fiction – Donald Breckenridge" on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7 p.m. Breckenridge is the fiction editor of the Brooklyn Rail. His latest novel is "And Then."

Billy Joel & Jerry Lee Lewis Tribute Concert

Bay Street Theater presents "The Piano Man: Lee Alverson and Band with A Tribute Concert to the Music of Billy Joel and Jerry Lee Lewis" on **Friday, February 2, 2018 at 8 p.m.**

Lee Alverson is a songwriter and multi-instrumentalist known for his mastery of the piano and his tributes to Billy Joel and Jerry Lee Lewis. Backed by his band, his Tribute Concert shows features renditions of Billy Joel and Jerry Lee Lewis's piano driven classics.

Alverson has shared the stage with Barry Manilow & The Beach Boys, performed as The Phantom of the Opera in the touring production "Broadway Phantasy" and composed music for television and film, including the complete score for the British Film "SILVER", which debuted at London's Genesis Theater in 2015. <u>Tickets</u> are \$30. Bay Street Theater is located at 1 Bay St, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. <u>www.baystreet.org</u>.

Click <u>here</u> for event details.

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Photo of Lee Alverson. Courtesy of Bay Street Theater.

Final Weekend: "Next To Normal" Performed on the North Fork

The North Fork Community Theatre presents the final weekend of "Next To Normal" from **February 2 to 4, 2018.** Show times are 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The 2008 musical "Next to Normal," explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. Dad's an architect; Mom's vivacious; their daughter and son are bright, wisecracking teens, appearing to be a typical American family. And yet their lives are anything but normal.

Winner of three 2009 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Score, and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize. Music by Tom Kitt, book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey. Directed by Jessica Raven. Cast includes: Kelli Baumann, James Stevens, Sydnee LaBuda, Ava Bianchi, Zachary Zain, Eric Hughes, Matthew Mendoza and Peter Peterson.

<u>Tickets</u> are \$25. Student rush tickets (\$20) may be available 10 minutes before curtain time. This show contains adult themes and language. The North Form Community Theatre is located at 12700 Sound Ave Mattituck, NY 11952. <u>www.nfct.com</u>.

Click here for event details.

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The cast of "Next to Normal." Photo by Katharine Schroeder. Courtesy of The North Fork Community Theatre.

"Keeping Live Jazz ALIVE" Benefit Concert

The benefit concert "Keeping Jazz ALIVE" will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 6

p.m. at Southampton Arts Center.

Co-presented by The Jam Session (typically seen at Bay Burger on Thursdays) and the Southampton Arts Center, "Keeping Live Jazz ALIVE" concert is a tribute to the American art form and a celebration of live Jazz. Benefiting the Jazz Foundation of America's KEYED UP! program, the evening will be hosted by WPPB's Ed German and Brian Cosgrove. Musicians performing include Ray Anderson on trombone, Claire Daly on baritone saxophone, Jay Rodriguez on tenor saxophone, Morris Goldberg on alto saxophone, Diego Urcola on trumpet, Santi Debriano on bass, Bill O'Connell on piano and Claes Brondal on drums.

<u>Tickets</u> for general admission are \$40. Doors open at 6 p.m. for food and drink complements of <u>Bay</u> <u>Burger</u> and <u>Union Cantina</u>. Southampton Arts Center is located at 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. <u>www.southamptonartscenter.org</u>. <u>www.thejamsession.org</u>.

Click <u>here</u> for event details.

Coffee & a Good Book Winter Lecture Series

Hallockville Museum Farm presents "Coffee and a Good Book Winter lecture Series: Exploring Land History & Tradition," on **Sunday, February 4, 2018, from 1 to 3 p.m.**

"Honoring the Land" presenter Steve Wick, is an award-winning journalist and will discuss his 1996 book, "Heaven and Earth: The Last Farmers of the North Fork." The book documents the history of one of the oldest farming communities in America by tracing the lives of two families, the Tuthills and Wickhams. Wick addresses the themes of generations of family and their strong connection to the land and of history as an ongoing force in people's lives.

This series is sponsored by <u>Hampton Coffee Company</u>. They will begin each lecture with a presentation about their coffee philosophy and with samples. Advanced <u>tickets</u> are \$10. Tickets at the door may be purchased on a first-come first-served basis for \$15 each or two tickets for \$25.

Hallock State Park Visitors Center located next to the Hallockville Museum Farm campus is located at 6062 Sound Ave Riverhead, NY 11901. <u>www.hallockville.com</u>.

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