



Every Festival Deserves a Fringe—Highlights Outside of THAW FEST

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The debut THAW FEST is a weekend of arts and cultural programming put together by a selection of 19 non-profit cultural organizations, cultural centers and museums. Offered as an a la carte weekend with a website festival map, one sign of success may be the additional offers of event alternatives for the art and culture crowd. Some are tying events to THAW FEST while others are hosting events already set before the weekend art and culture blowout was announced.

While the THAW FEST Fringe isn't an official gathering or even a movement, it isn't difficult to imagine that a broadening of the THAW FEST concept would be a welcome addition. In this spirit, following is our list of additional options for art events and cultural events taking place outside of the auspices of THAW FEST but certainly go to the point of the festival-art and culture worth noting is taking place in The Hamptons all year round. Consider it a THAW FEST Fringe Festival, if you wish.

Closing Reception at Halsey McKay Gallery

Halsey McKay Gallery presents a Closing Reception for "David Kennedy Cutler: Off Season," on **Sunday, March 25, 2018, from 2 to 5 p.m.**

"David Kennedy Cutler: Off Season" opened on January 13 as an artist residency and artist installation performance in process. Cutler is nearly his final days with the show being presented officially (and wrapping up) on Sunday, March 25, 2018. What helped the artist survive a solitary winter in East Hampton? Clones. Four of them, to be exact. The artist and his look-alikes will all be present during the Closing Reception.

To read all about it, click [Performance Installation Explores Goals of Human Survival, with Clones, and The Hamptons in "Off-Season"](#).

Like many events in THAW FEST, this closing was planned before the festival's launch. Also on view in the gallery's upstairs space is "HENRY GLAVIN - *WOODEN CALENDAR*," a new body of small paintings.

Halsey McKay Gallery is located at 79 Newtown Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.halseymckay.com.

Click [here](#) for exhibition details.



David Kennedy Cutler and his many clones in “Off Season” running January 14 through March 24, 2018 at Halsey McKay Gallery, 79 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. Courtesy of Halsey McKay Gallery.

Opening Reception for “No Longer Supported”

Sara Nightingale Gallery presents “No Longer Supported,” on **Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m.** The exhibition will remain on view through April 19, 2018.

Rather than assembling a group of artists who are concentrating on the demise of traditional painting supports – torn, shredded or punctured canvasses, exposed stretcher bars, paintings hung backwards, oddly shaped canvasses, painting as sculpture, etc... this exhibition will focus on works that address time as a subject, or are time-sensitive. The omitted torn canvasses, however, serve as a metaphorical backdrop. Support systems and structures we were once accustomed to are failing us. Infrastructure, government, technology and nature, rather than sturdy pillars on which we can depend, now seem like mere scaffolding.

Exhibiting artist include some of The Hamptons finest. Expect to find work by Peter Buchman, Stephanie Brody-Lederman, Darlene Charneco, Bill Claps, Rossa Cole, James Croak, Rose Marie Cromwell, Barbara Friedman, Shirley Irons, Christian Little, Elena Lyakir, Christa Maiwald, Bonnie Rychlak, Maggie Simonelli, Ross Watts and Libby Wadsworth.

A percentage of proceeds from sales will be donated to the Sag Harbor Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Taking advantage of THAW FEST, the gallery decided the timing was too good to pass up.

Sara Nightingale Gallery is located at 26 Main St, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. www.saranightingale.com.

Click [here](#) for exhibition details.



“Jungle Canopy II” by Bill Claps. Mixed media with gold foil, 55 x 33 inches. Courtesy of Sara Nightingale Gallery.

SPRING CRITIQUE at The Mabel and Victor D’Amico Studio and Archive

The Art Barge presents “Spring Critique The Mabel and Victor D’Amico Studio and Archive” on

Saturday March 24, 2018 with George Negrofonte and on **Sunday, March 25, 2018** with Michael Rosch. Both events will be held from **2 to 5 p.m.**

Artists ages 16 to 106 are invited to bring 2 to 4 artworks that can be displayed on an easel or 24" table top and can be carried in and taken home on the day of the event. These include but are not limited to: paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography, prints and digital art. This is an opportunity to meet and discuss your artwork with professional artists and VDIA/The Art Barge Instructors George Negrofonte and Michael Rosch.

Both teachers lead a critique of participants' artworks in the setting of the Studio and Archive at Lazy Point. A brief tour of the Studio and Archive with Christopher Kohan will be offered and participants can wander the grounds and waterfront, weather permitting. Light refreshments will accompany the discussion and tour. This event is free. Due to space limitations (max. capacity 15), advance registration is required for each day.

Free. Due to space limitations (max. capacity 15), advance [registration](#) is required for each day. The Mabel and Victor D'Amico Studio and Archive is located in Amagansett, NY 11930. www.theartbarge.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.



The Mabel and Victor D'Amico Studio and Archive.

Hampton Theatre Company's "The Boys Next Door"

The Hampton Theatre Company presents "The Boys Next Door" opening on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at the Quogue Community Hall and running through April 8, 2018. Shows will be held on **Thursdays and Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.** On **Friday, March 23, 2018**, a Talkback follows the 7 p.m. performance with the director and members of the cast.

"The Boys Next Door"—a comedy by Tom Griffin about four men with various mental disabilities living in a group home—will be the third play of the Hampton Theatre Company's 2017-2018 season. The cast features Matt Conlon, Jessica Howard, Scott Hofer, Dorian M. O'Brien, Spencer Scott and Paul Velutis.

Like Halsey McKay Gallery's event, the theater company's opening weekend of performances was planned in advance.

To purchase tickets online, click [here](#). The Quogue Community Theater is located at 125 Jessup Ave, Quogue, NY 11959. www.hamptontheatre.org.

Click [here](#) for event details.

RELATED: [HTC Opens “The Boys Next Door” March 22 in Quogue](#).

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