



# Ultimate Guide for the Best of THAW FEST 2018

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THAW FEST, the first weekend of cultural and arts programming presented by the newly-formed Hamptons Arts Network, unfolds this weekend with events and exhibitions taking place in cultural centers and museums of the 19 non-profit members.

Held across The Hamptons from March 23 to 25, 2018, THAW FEST events range from those already set on calendars to special collaborations and one-weekend-only events by organizations not typically open this time of year. Events range from artist talks to live music to film, tours and more.

According to organizers, the biggest triumph is the collaboration and cooperative spirit across member organizations who have joined together to make a cultural splash in the Hamptons off-season. The coalition's ultimate aim is to create a buzz about culture and arts programming taking place in the community year-round.

Hamptons Art Hub has reviewed the options and put together our Ultimate Guide for THAW FEST to make creating your own weekend easy. Following is our selections of the best events, tours and film screenings that are officially part of the THAW FEST debut. For the full list of options, click [here](#) for the brochure.

## BEST EVENTS

### Poetry Night at the Parrish Art Museum

The Parrish Art Museum presents "Poetry Night: People's State of the Union," on **Friday, March 23, 2018 at 6 p.m.**

"Poetry Night: People's State of the Union," is a program of original poetry by nine renowned writers. The event will be preceded by a solo flute performance by Bridgehampton Chamber Music Festival Artistic Director Marya Martin. Poets Star Black, Max Blagg, Maggie Bloomfield, Megan Chaskey, Scott Chaskey, Cornelius Eady, Kathy Engel, Tammy Nuzzo-Morgan, and Lukas Ortiz will read original work inspired by personal experiences shared by community members at the Museum's Story Circle in January that addressed topics such as belonging, racism, #MeToo, violence, patriotism, and more. Martin will perform Debussy's *Syrinx*, a piece for solo flute, as a complement to the Parrish Story Circle.

[Tickets](#) are \$12 and free for members, students and children. The 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.

## In Process | Tania Bruguera The Watermill Center

“In Process | Tania Bruguera” on **Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

“Galileo,” by Bertolt Brecht, is based on the life of seventeenth century astronomer and physicist Galileo Galilei. In this interpretation by Cuban artist Tania Bruguera, censorship and “fake-news” are the guiding elements in navigating the story. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A with the artist. Make your free reservation [here](#).

While there be sure to check out the exhibition “[Word on the Street](#).” The work on view is part of an ongoing text-based public art initiative by House of Trees, consisting of original political and poetic banners created by renowned female international artists and writers, in collaboration with female refugee fabricators based in Texas. Artists and writers include, Carrie Mae Weems, Tania Bruguera, Anne Carson, Amy Khoshbin, Laurie Anderson, A.M. Homes, Wangechi Mutu, Jenny Holzer, House of Trees and Naomi Shihab Nye. Commissioned by Times Square Arts, the exhibition remains on view at The Watermill Center through April 17, 2018.

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

For all the options for THAW FEST at Watermill Center, click [here](#).



| In Process | Tania Bruguera. Courtesy of The Watermill Center.

## Upright Citizens Brigade Improv Night at Southampton Arts Center

The Southampton Arts Center presents “Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company – Improv Comedy Night” on **Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 7 p.m.**

The [Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company](#) brings the best improv comedians from the legendary Upright Citizens Brigade Theatres in New York and Los Angeles to new audiences all around the country. The UCB Theatre – founded by Amy Poehler, Matt Besser, Ian Roberts, and Matt Walsh – has been home to some of the biggest stars in comedy today. The show is a 90-minute, unscripted and improvised performance by four comedians.

[Tickets](#) are \$20. The Southampton Arts Center is located at 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. [www.southamptonartscenter.org](http://www.southamptonartscenter.org).

Click [here](#) for event details.

## TOURS & TALKS

### Tours of Thomas and Mary Nimmo Moran's Artist Studio at East Hampton Historical Society

Tours of the artists Thomas and Mary Nimmo Moran's studio will be given on **Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Thomas Moran built the first artist's studio in East Hampton in 1884. The tour made our list as the studios are rarely open and provides the chance to get up close and personal with a slice of East Hampton art history and the way it's being brought forward into the present through a substantial renovation that continues in process.

Please note there is no parking on site and visitors should park on James Lane. The Thomas and Mary Nimmo Moran Studio is located at 101 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937. [www.thomasmorantrust.org](http://www.thomasmorantrust.org).

Click [here](#) for event details.

### LongHouse Tour

LongHouse Reserve will be open on **Saturday, March 24, 2018**, with docent led tours taking place at **noon and at 2 p.m.**

This 16 acre reserve and sculpture garden located in East Hampton, NY, features pieces from Buckminster Fuller, Yoko Ono and Willem de Kooning to name a few.

Complimentary admission. LongHouse Reserve is located at 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, NY 11937. [www.longhouse.org](http://www.longhouse.org).

Click [here](#) for event details.



Image courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.

# Behind the Scenes Tour of Bay Street Theater

Bay Street Theater presents a “Behind the Scenes Tour” of Bay Street Theater on **Sunday, March 25, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Enjoy rare open house tours of Bay Street Theater.

Free and open to the public. Bay Street Theater is located at 1 Bay St, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. [www.baystreet.org](http://www.baystreet.org).

Click [here](#) for event details.

## Gallery Talk with Alice Hope at Guild Hall

Guild Hall presents the “Gallery Talk with Alice Hope” on **Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 2 p.m.**

Held in the Woodhouse Gallery, artist [Alice Hope's](#) show will showcase new site-specific works that play with diverse concepts of value, opulence, magnetism, materiality, redemption, and consumption. The works will be composed of ready-made and Minimalist materials, such as can tabs, ball chain, steel shot, neodymium magnets, Tyvek-parts—and found objects that are transformed into generative large-scale works through repetition of material and pattern.

The Gallery Talk arrives just in time as it's the final weekend to see Hope's solo show. It's a terrific one so don't miss it.

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

Click [here](#) for event details.



“Untitled” by Alice Hope, 2017. Anodized used can tabs, ball chain, 36 x 36 x 60 inches. Photo by Jenny Gorman. Courtesy of Guild Hall.

## FILM SCREENINGS

### HT2FF Presents Two Films

## Film on Milton Glaser at Southampton Arts Center

Presented with Southampton Art Center, Hamptons Take 2 Documentary Film Festival presents “Milton Glaser – To Inform and Delight,” on **Friday, March 23, 2018 at 8 p.m.** A Q&A with filmmaker Wendy Keys and Walter Bernard will be held after the film.

[Milton Glaser’s](#) remarkable artistic output is revealed in this documentary, “Milton Glaser – To Inform and Delight” ( 2009 | 73 min.). Glaser is the personification of American graphic design best known for co-founding [New York Magazine](#) with [Walter Bernard](#) and for creating the world-known I Love NY logo and the iconic Dylan poster.

Admission is free. Reserve tickets [here](#). Southampton Arts Center is located at 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. [www.southamptonartscenter.org](http://www.southamptonartscenter.org). [www.ht2ff.com](http://www.ht2ff.com).

Click [here](#) for event details.

## Film on Ashley Bryan at Bay Street Theater

Presented with Bay Street Theater, Hamptons Take 2 Documentary Film Festival presents “I KNOW A MAN...ASHLEY BRYAN,” on **Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 2 p.m.**

Currently 93, Ashley Bryan was born in Harlem, raised in the Bronx, and drafted into an all-Black battalion during World War II. Bryan has been using art his entire life to celebrate joy, mediate the darkness of war and racism, explore the mysteries of faith, and create a loving community. He’s an African American poet and illustrator of over 50 children’s books, painter and puppet maker. This documentary is directed by Richard Kane.

Admission is free. Bay Street Theater is located at 1 Bay St, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. [www.baystreet.org](http://www.baystreet.org). [www.ht2ff.com](http://www.ht2ff.com).

Click [here](#) for event details.



“I KNOW A MAN...ASHLEY BRYAN.” Courtesy of HT2FF and Bay Street Theater.

## Full Day of Film Screenings on Pollock

The Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center presents screenings of documentaries and short films focusing on Jackson Pollock. Screening will be held throughout the day on **Saturday, March 24, 2018.**

Jackson Pollock has been the subject of several films, from documentaries and short subjects to an

Oscar-winning biopic—and even an Oscar-winning parody. Enjoy the free daylong program that will showcase several of these motion pictures, and be introduced by the museum’s director.

**11 a.m - 12:30 p.m.:** Experimental footage of Pollock at work, 1950. A film by Hans Namuth. 5 minutes, black and white, silent. “Jackson Pollock,” 1951. A film by Hans Namuth and Paul Falkenburg. 10 minutes, color. Narration by Jackson Pollock. Original musical score by Morton Feldman. “Day of the Painter,” 1960. A film by Robert P. Davis. 15 minutes, color. Starring Ezra Reuben Baker. Original musical score by Eddy Lawrence Manson. “Jackson Pollock: Portrait,” 1984. A film by Amanda C. Pope. 54 minutes, color. Original musical score by Roger Trefousse.

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.:** “Pollock,” 2000. A film by Ed Harris. 122 minutes. Starring Ed Harris and Marcia Gay Harden, featuring Jennifer Connelly, Bud Cort, Val Kilmer, Amy Madigan and Jeffrey Tambor. Original musical score by Jeff Beal.

**4:00 - 4:30 p.m.:** “Shooting Pollock,” behind-the-scenes look at the making of Ed Harris’ feature film.

No reservations required. Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center is located at 830 Springs Fireplace Rd, East Hampton, NY 11937. [www.stonybrook.edu/pkhouse](http://www.stonybrook.edu/pkhouse).

Click [here](#) for event details.

## LongHouse Presents Film on Founder at Bay Street

LongHouse Reserve and Bay Street Theater presents “LarsenWorld,” on **Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 3 p.m.**

“LarsenWorld,” (23 min) is a film about the legendary textile designer Jack Lenor Larsen, chronicling the many facets of his career, culminating in the creation of the LongHouse Reserve, a 16-acre reserve and sculpture garden located in East Hampton, NY.

Admission is free. Bay Street Theater is located at 1 Bay St, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. [www.baystreet.org](http://www.baystreet.org). [www.longhouse.org](http://www.longhouse.org).

Click [here](#) for event details.



“LarsenWorld.” Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve and Bay Street Theater.

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**BASIC FACTS:** For the full list of THAW FEST events taking place, click [here](#). To discover additional things to do this weekend, visit "[East End Things to Do - Highlights through March 25, 2018](#)."

For many festivals and art fairs, alternatives crop up to rival the main event. THAW FEST is no different. Click here to discover additional art options offered in conjunction with the Hamptons Art Festival.

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