

NYC Things To Do - Highlights Through September 23, 2018

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Looking for things to do in New York City? This week, we've selected artist talks, two Art Book fairs jam packed with vendors, and a trilogy performance, among other stand out events. Read on for our top picks for events with a performance, discussion or creative arts twist in New York City through September 23, 2018.

1. Artists and Scholars in Conversation on Jack Whitten at the Met

The Metropolitan Museum of Art presents "MET Fridays - Reflections on Jack Whitten" on **Friday, September 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

Reflections on [Jack Whitten](#) will be moderated by MET curator Kelly Baum, co-curator of the exhibition "[Odyssey: Jack Whitten Sculpture, 1963-2017](#)." The talk will feature Kelly Baum, Cynthia Hazen Polsky and Leon Polsky, Curator of Contemporary Art at The Met, Associate Professor at Columbia University, Kellie Jones with artists [Melvin Edwards](#), [Martin Puryear](#) and [William T. Williams](#).

Admission is free. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is located at 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10028. www.metmuseum.org

Click [here](#) for event details.



“The Tomb of Socrates” by Jack Whitten, 2009. Wild cypress, black mulberry, marble, brass, mixed media. Collection of the Artist’s Estate © The Estate of Jack Whitten. Courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

2. NY Art Book Fair at MoMA PS1

[NY Art Book Fair](#) returns for its 13th edition this week at [MoMA PS1](#). Presented by [Printed Matter](#), the art book fair opens with a Preview on Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 6 to 9 p.m. The fair opens to the public from Friday to Sunday (September 21 to 23, 2018).

Expect to find 365 exhibitors presenting zines, artist’s books, antiquarian books and contemporary versions. The book fair has a full roster of programming including artist talks, performances, interactive workshops and more.

Admission for the Opening Night Preview is \$20 and includes a limited edition artwork by artist [Ryan Gander](#) and a special live performance by DJ Monchan, Roe Enney and Odwalla1221, presented by [Blank Forms](#). Click [here](#) to purchase. Printed Matter Members are admitted free.

Admission to the NY Art Book Fair is free. Hours are 1 to 7 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. MoMA PS1 is located at 22-25 Jackson Avenue on 46th

Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101. www.momaps1.org

Click [here](#) for event details.



NY Art Book Fair at MoMA PS1, 2017. Photo courtesy Jesse Winter and MoMa PS1.

3. Independent Art Book Fair in Brooklyn

[Independent Art Book Fair \(IABF\)](#) offers its 3rd edition in a new location at the East River Waterfront in Brooklyn. The book fair is open to the public **Friday to Sunday, September 21 to 23, 2018** and hosts an After Parties After Hours on **Friday, September 21, 2018 from 6 to 10 p.m.**

IABF presents independent publishers, bookmakers and artists who offer projects, publications and editions from independent publishers, bookmakers and artists. The event is designed to connect visitors, publishers and artists that encourages conversation in a way that's accessible and approachable. Workshops and artist talks are also included.

Tickets are \$10 to the After Party After Hours on Friday. Includes Middle Eastern disco with traditional Persian food and live music. Click [here](#) to purchase.

Admission is free to the Independent Art Book Fair. Hours are Friday and Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. The East River Waterfront is located across from the newly opened [Domino Park](#) and [North Brooklyn Farms](#). www.independentartbookfair.com

Click [here](#) for event details.

4. Equinox Performance Ritual at the Whitney

[The Whitney Museum of American Art](#) presents “[Sibyl Kempson: 12 Shouts to the Ten Forgotten Heavens: Fall Equinox](#)” on **Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 7, 8 and 9 p.m.**

The eclectic multi-media performance is the 11th “Shout” in the cycle of 12 rituals celebrating the Autumnal Equinox and preparing for the turning of the seasons, the fully staged dramatic performance is composed by Sibyl Kempson, a playwright, director and performer. The “Shout” features live music, a historically controversial character and a waltz in looped performances. The culmination of the Autumn Equinox will take place at **9:45 p.m.** in the Museum lobby.

[Ticketed Performances](#) are \$10 and \$8 for members, students and seniors. The Equinox culmination is free with no tickets required. The Whitney Museum of American Art is located at 99 Gansevoort Street, New York, NY 10014. www.whitney.org

Click [here](#) for event details.



“Sibyl Kempson: 12 Shouts to the Ten Forgotten Heavens” at the Whitney Museum of American Art. Courtesy of the Whitney Museum of American Art.

5. Marathon “Analogy Trilogy” at NYU’s Skirball

NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts presents the “Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company: Analogy Trilogy” in two marathon performances on **Saturday, September 22, 2018 and**

September 23, 2018 beginning at 3 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7 p.m., Bill T. Jones give a talk with NYC Dance Professor [Sean Curran](#).

Inspired by W.G. Sebald's *The Emigrants*, the "Analogy Trilogy" was developed over the course of 4 years with dance, theater and oral history accompanied by live music composed by [Nick Hallett](#). This is a rare opportunity to see the three parts of the Trilogy performed as a whole. The run-time is 6.5 hours including a 45-minute intermission and 90-minute dinner break.

[Tickets](#) are \$35-\$45, \$15 for NYU students. The Skirball Center for the Performing Arts is located at 566 LaGuardia Place, New York, NY 10012. www.nyuskirball.org

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