



Coronavirus Caution Causes Culture Cancellations in The Hamptons and Across New York

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Cultural cancellations, venue closings and event postponements were announced in a near-constant stream on Thursday and Friday from across the NY Metropolitan Area.

In New York, the world pivoted on Thursday, March 12, 2020, with declaration of State of Emergencies issued by a running list of area political leaders, including New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's declaration and ban of gatherings over 500 people and a ceiling of 50 percent attendance capacity for venues holding crowds below 500. Like a line of dominoes, the cancellation of cultural events and venues kept coming Thursday and Friday until there's hardly a cultural venue or event left standing in The Hamptons and on Long Island. (Keep scrolling for what's open and closed). The reactions stem from an effort to prevent (and not contribute) to the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and to keep from harm attendees and those who make the organizations run.

New York City is no exception. The Metropolitan Museum of Art announced its decision on Thursday to close temporarily with no reopen date indicated. In close succession (and in no particular order), announcements of shuttering arrived through Friday, issued by Broadway, MoMA, the Guggenheim, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the NY Philharmonic, The Whitney Museum of American Art, the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the New Museum, Brooklyn Academy of Music (theater cancelled, film screenings are not) and, well, you get the picture. New York City art galleries began cancelling Thursday night receptions with others announcing gallery closure to the public, temporarily, through Friday.

[Event and museum closings in Nassau County](#) adopted the same rapid succession with all museums (or nearly all) closed for March. Suffolk County a bit quieter with their roll out. Still, Stony Brook University and Long Island Museum in Stony Brook and Gallery North in East Setauket have all closed through at least March, based on website announcements. There's been no word from the Islip Art Museum and its website implies the museum is open.

The upshot? Don't expect much to be open or happening until April.

Following is a cheat sheet of what's open in The Hamptons and what's closed. Updates will be posted as received.

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OPEN

Southampton History Museum Exhibitions “High Style in the Gilded Age: Southampton 1870 -1930) and “Samuel Parrish; Owner of the Rogers Mansion from 1898 - 1932) (all events cancelled through March)

RJD Gallery Opens New Group Show of Woman Painters. No reception; gallery is open. RJD Gallery is located at 2385 Main Street, Bridgehampton, NY 11932.

CLOSED

Guild Hall (museum and all events through March)

Watermill Center (through March)

Bay Street Theater (through March)

LongHouse Reserve (all events through March. Opens for season on April 25, 2020)

Southampton Cultural Center (through March 29, 2020)

Southampton Arts Center (all events cancelled through April 12, 2020)

Maddoo (Opens for Season on May 1)

East Hampton Historical Society

Parrish Art Museum (museum and all events cancelled through April 3, 2020)

CANCELLED OR POSTPONED

“Sherlock’s Secret Life” at Southampton Cultural Center – Cancelled with the hope of rescheduling

Tripoli Gallery – Opening Reception for “Surge” by Alice Hope has been postponed from March 14, 2020. The solo show, on view through April 12, 2020, is on view by appointment. The gallery is located at 26 Ardsley Road, Wainscott, NY 11975.

Maddoo’s Winter Lecture in Sagaponack (March 15) and Maddoo in Manhattan (March 24) are cancelled.

Bridgehampton Chamber Music Festival’s Mozart Concert with Alan Alda (March 21) has been cancelled.

Hampton Theatre Company’s production of “Sylvia” has been postponed.

Parrish Art Museum events and gallery tours cancelled until April 3, 2020

On the North Fork

North Fork Community Theater’s “Wolf Hall” is cancelled.

Additional closings or openings will be posted as the information becomes available.

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