



## Spare Times

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### AROUND TOWN

**'SUMMER SESSIONS'** When Jeannie Hopper was taking her first spin on the turntables in the garden of the [Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum](#) a couple of years ago, and a pair of 70-something women sidled over to her D.J. booth, she had a pretty good idea of what was coming. "I thought they were going to complain about the noise," Ms. Hopper said. Turned out that they had a question, not a complaint. "The music is wonderful," Ms. Hopper recalls them saying. "What do you call it?" It was that sort of open, inviting reception that persuaded Ms. Hopper to return to Cooper-Hewitt, this year as curator of their weekly Summer Sessions series. The event, led each Friday evening by a different D.J. of her choosing, draws about 700 people to the museum in a three-hour period. And while Ms. Hopper is eager to expose D.J.'s to a museumgoing audience, the museum is equally eager to draw on the loyal audience that turns up to hear a specific D.J., no matter the setting. "It's an opportunity for us to reach a wider demographic," said Laurie Olivieri, a spokeswoman for Cooper-Hewitt. "They have their own fan base who come up to the museum." Last week the music fans, the museum's regulars and people simply drawn in by the consistent thud of the bassline all migrated to the center of the lawn to dance. Even those languishing on blankets or exploring the "Design for the Other 90%" exhibition in the garden betrayed their interest with a gentle nod of the head or tap of the foot. They had all become part of the same crowd. (Fridays through Sept. 7, 6 to 9 p.m., Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, 2 East 91st Street, Manhattan, 212-849-8400, [cooperhewitt.org](#). Free with admission: \$12; \$9 for students and 62+.) MONICA DRAKE

### Museums and Sites

**AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**, Central Park West and 79th Street. Through Aug. 19, "Gold," with coins, jewelry and other artifacts. Through Sept. 9, "Frogs: A Chorus of Colors," an exhibition of more than 200 specimens. Through Jan. 6, "Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns and Mermaids." Through April 6, "Beyond," an exhibition of more than 30 large-format photographs of Earth's planetary neighbors, in the museum's Imax Gallery. Through Jan. 6, "The Unknown Audubons: Mammals of North America," a display of more than 40 artworks depicting animals. In the Anne and Bernard Spitzer Hall of Human Origins, there are more than 200 casts of prehuman and human fossils and artifacts that illustrate stages in physical and behavioral evolution. Also on view: "Vital Variety: A Visual Celebration of Invertebrate Biodiversity," an

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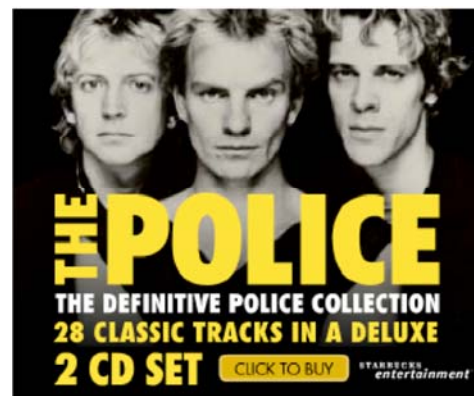


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exhibition of 24 large-format color photographs by the entomologist Piotr Naskrecki in the gallery next to the Imax theater. The Arthur Ross Hall of Meteorites displays the 34-ton Ahnighito meteorite, part of the Cape York meteorite. In the Imax theater, "Dinosaurs Alive!," a film about museum paleontologists in search of dinosaur remains. Timed tickets to "Frogs," "Mythic Creatures" and "Gold" include museum admission. (212) 769-5100 or (212) 769-5200; \$21; \$16 for students and 60+; \$12 for 12 and younger. Imax movie tickets, which include museum admission, are \$21; \$16 for students and 60+; \$12 for children 12 and under. Suggested museum admission: \$14; \$10.50 for students and 60+; \$8 for children. Combination tickets, including museum and Rose Center admission and the [Hayden Planetarium](#) space show ("Cosmic Collisions"): \$22; \$16.50 for students and 60+; \$13 for 12 and younger; under 2, free. Admission that includes all activities: \$30; \$23 for students and 60+; \$19 for 12 and younger. The Rose Center is open until 8:45 p.m. for "Starry Nights: Fridays Under the Sphere," with jazz, a cash bar and tapas, on the first Friday of every month; tonight the Helen Sung Group at 6 and 7:30; the late show will be broadcast live on WBGO FM (88.3). Museum hours: daily, 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. (to 8:45 p.m. on Fridays). [amn.h.org](#).

**HISTORIC RICHMOND TOWN** Staten Island Historical Society, 441 Clarke Avenue, Richmond Town. Today through Sunday, "Summertime and the Living Is ... Easy?," featuring demonstrations of soap and ice-cream making and blacksmithing. Wednesdays through Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. (718) 351-1611. \$5; \$4 for 62+; \$3.50 for students and 5 to 17; free for children under 5 and members.

**MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK**, Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street. Through Dec. 31, "The Glory Days: New York Baseball 1947-1957," a display of balls, bats, uniforms and other memorabilia, with video presentations and special events. "New York Rises: Photographs by Eugene de Salignac," on view through Oct. 28; \$9, \$5 for members; reservations, (212) 534-1672, Ext. 3395. Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (212) 534-1672; [m.c.n.y.org](#). Suggested admission: \$9; \$5 for students and 62+; free for children under 12 and for everyone on Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon; \$20 for families.

**NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, 2 West 77th Street, Manhattan. Through Sept. 3, two Civil War exhibitions: "New York Divided: Slavery and the Civil War," a display of historical documents, photographs, political cartoons and other items; and "Carry Me Home: Dispatches From the Civil War," with letters, sketches and photographs posted by soldiers, journalists and others during the war. Through Jan. 13, "Nature and the American Vision: The Hudson River School at the New-York Historical Society" includes more than 100 oil paintings by artists of the Hudson River School. Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; to 8 p.m. on Fridays. (212) 873-3400; [nyhistory.org](#). \$10; \$7 for educators and 65+; \$6 for students; free from 6 to 8 p.m. on Fridays, free at all times for children under 12.

**NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM** Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn Heights. Sunday at noon, "Exploring the Brighton and Franklin Lines from Past to Present," a subway tour that begins in Brooklyn Heights and ends near the New York Aquarium in Coney Island, with a stop at an early 1900s substation at Prospect Park; reservations and advance payment required; \$20; \$15 for members; (718) 694-1867. Through Sept. 3, "Paper Passages: Collages by Chris Pelletiere." Through 2008, "The Triborough Bridge: [Robert Moses](#) and the Automobile Age," an exhibition of photographs, drawings, models and artifacts. Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. (718) 694-1600. \$5; \$3 for those 3 to 17 and 62+; free for members and children under 3 every day, and for 62+ on Wednesdays.

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## Gardens

**[BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN](#)**, 1000 Washington Avenue, Prospect Heights..

Through Aug. 26, "Big City, Big Trees: Gentle Giants of the Urban Landscape," highlighting some of the garden's most notable trees. Tuesdays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays (except Labor Day), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (718) 623-7200; [bbg.org](#). \$8; \$4 for students and 65+; free for under 12 and members at all times and for 65+ on Fridays. Free admission all day on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon.

**[NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN](#)**, Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road, the Bronx. this is the address on the garden website and we have been asked to use it Includes 48 gardens and plant collections. Every Wednesday through Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., a farmers' market. Through Sept. 16, "Caribbean Gardens: Journey to Paradise," a conservatory display. Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tram tours daily, every 20 minutes. (718) 817-8700. Combination ticket, which includes admission for all displays, garden sites, tours, tram tours and events: \$18; students and 62+, \$16; children 2 to 13, \$5; free for children under 2. General garden grounds admission: \$6; \$3 for 62+; \$2 for students; \$1 for children 2 to 12; free for children under 2. Grounds admission free on Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Parking, \$10; [nybg.org](#).

**WAVE HILL**, Independence Avenue and West 249th Street, Riverdale, the Bronx. The 28-acre site includes gardens, greenhouses and woodlands. Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (718) 549-3200. Through August, the garden will be open until 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and will offer sunset suppers (they have to be ordered by the Friday before; \$30) and garden walks and tours of the gallery. Sunday at 2 p.m. a Summer Songbook concert with the pianist Steve Ross; \$24; \$15 for members. General admission: \$6; \$3 for students and 65+; \$2 for 6 to 18; free for members, those under 6 and for everyone all day Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

## Events

**AGUADILLANO STREET FAIR**, tomorrow and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on 116th Street, from First to Third Avenues, East Harlem.

**ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY FESTIVAL**, Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Bayard Street, between Elizabeth and Baxter Streets, Chinatown.

**CITY PARKS FOUNDATION**, at Marcus Garvey Park, 124th Street and Mount Morris Park, Harlem. Tonight and tomorrow night at 8, "Romeo and Juliet" by the Classical Theater of Harlem. Sunday night at 8, a performance of poetry and music by the group Universes. [cityparksfoundation.org](#). Free.

**C.O.R.E. HEALTH EXPO**, tomorrow, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Seventh Avenue, from 47th to 57th Street, Manhattan. Sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality.

**FESTIVAL OF THE AMERICAS**, Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Avenue of the Americas, from 42nd to 56th Streets.

**GREENWICH AVENUE FESTIVAL**, from Avenue of the Americas to Seventh Avenue. Tomorrow, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Federation to Preserve the Greenwich Village Waterfront.

**JAMAICA ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL**, tomorrow, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Jamaica Avenue, from Parsons Boulevard to 169th Street, Jamaica, Queens.

**JUNCTION BOULEVARD FESTIVAL**, Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., from Roosevelt Avenue to 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Queens.

**LINCOLN SQUARE STREET FAIR**, Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., from 66th to 72nd Street. Sponsored by the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center.

**LOWER FEAST SIDE: L.E.S. A LA CART** Sundays through Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Broome Street, between Allen and Orchard Streets, a street fair with food, entertainment and children's activities, including walking tours. Sponsored by the Lower East Side Business Improvement District. (212) 226-9010; [lowereastsideny.com](http://lowereastsideny.com).

**THE MISTRESS AND THE MUSE: THE FILMS OF [NORMAN MAILER](#)**, a series that began on July 22, concludes on Sunday night at 7, with a special screening of the television docudrama "The Executioner's Song" (1982), which will feature a question-and-answer session with [Rosanna Arquette](#), who starred in the film with [Tommy Lee Jones](#); Lawrence Schiller, the film's director; and Gavin Smith, the writer and critic, at the Walter Reade Theater, 165 West 65th Street, [Lincoln Center](#). (212) 875-5600; [filmlinc.com](http://filmlinc.com). \$11; \$7 for members and students.

**OUTDOOR FILM SCREENINGS** Sunday night at 8, "Happy Feet" (2006), the animated penguin film at O'Donohue Park, Beach 17th Street, Rockaway, Queens, sponsored by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation; information, 311. Monday night at 5 p.m., "Bus Stop" (1956), with [Marilyn Monroe](#), in Bryant Park, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street; sponsored by HBO and the Bryant Park Corporation; [bryantpark.org](http://bryantpark.org). Wednesday at sunset, "Kal Ho Naa Ho" (2003), an Indian version of "Romeo and Juliet," at the Socrates Sculpture Garden, 32-01 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City, Queens; (718) 956-1819, [socratessculpturepark.org](http://socratessculpturepark.org). Thursday night at sundown, "All About Eve" (1950), with [Bette Davis](#) and [Anne Baxter](#), along the Brooklyn waterfront between the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges; [brooklynbridgepark.org](http://brooklynbridgepark.org). All are free.

**PRIDE IN THE CITY 2007**, an annual weekend of cultural events in celebration of the city's black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender residents, at several locations. Events include a family-day picnic with music, dance, health screenings and other activities, tomorrow from noon to 9 p.m. at Commodore Barry Park, Navy and Tillary Streets and Flushing Avenue, downtown Brooklyn; and a beach party on Sunday, noon to 10 p.m., at Jacob Riis Park, Bay 1 Ballfield and Beach Area, 149th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard, Rockaway, Queens. [prideinthecity.com](http://prideinthecity.com). Both are free.

**ROCKEFELLER CENTER GREENMARKET** Wednesdays through Fridays through Aug. 17, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., on 50th Street, between Fifth Avenue and Avenue of the Americas.

**17TH ANNUAL HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**, with races tomorrow and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Lake in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Queens. On Sunday at noon, the Fourth Annual Chef One Dumpling Eating Contest will be held; registration is closed. Boat festival information: (718) 767-1776; [hkdbf-ny.org](http://hkdbf-ny.org).

**RIVERSIDE PARK SOUTH** Sunday night at 7, the group Source, with Abdoulaye Diabate, on Pier 1 along the Hudson River, reachable from 68th or 72nd Streets, Manhattan. Part of Acoustic Sundays. Information: 311. Free.

**UNIVERSAL PEACE DAY**, Sunday, noon to 8 p.m., at several locations, commemorating the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. From noon to 5 p.m., music, dance and poetry featuring Kathleen Chalfant and others at the Central Park

Bandshell, reachable from 72nd Street. At 5:30 p.m., a screening of the film "Lost Generation," followed by a memorial service and candle-lighting at the New York Buddhist Church, Riverside Drive and 105th Street. At 7:20 p.m., a silent walk from the New York Buddhist Church to an interfaith service with music, dance and speakers at 8 p.m. at the Riverside Church, Riverside Drive at 122nd Street, Morningside Heights; those taking part include David Amram and Hiroshima survivors. (212) 799-2244; [universalpeaceday.com](http://universalpeaceday.com).

### Spoken Word

**DOG DAYS OF SUMMER**, Thursday night at 6:30, a reading by Mark Doty, author of "Dog Years: A Memoir," in Madison Square Park, at the Farragut Monument, midpark at 25th Street, reachable from Fifth or Madison Avenues; pets are welcome. The last in a series of readings sponsored by the Madison Square Park Conservancy. (212) 538-6667. [madisonsquarepark.org](http://madisonsquarepark.org). Free.

**SYMPHONY SPACE**, 2537 Broadway, at 95th Street. Monday night at 7, a reading of the play "Two Handers," by Martin Fox, followed by a question-and-answer session with the cast and others. (212) 864-5400. Free admission, first come first served.

### Walking Tours

**ADVENTURE ON A SHOESTRING** Tomorrow at noon, "Trendy TriBeCa Trek," meeting on the northwest corner of Franklin Street and West Broadway. (212) 265-2663. \$5.

**BIG ONION WALKING TOURS** Sunday at 11 a.m., "Multi-Ethnic Eating Tour," covering Lower Manhattan, meeting on the southeast corner of Essex and Delancey Streets, Lower East Side; \$20; \$17 for 63+; \$15 for students and New-York Historical Society members. Sunday at 1 p.m., a tour of Prospect Park, meeting at the intersection of Prospect Park West and Ninth Street; \$15; \$12 for 63+; \$10 for students and New-York Historical Society members. (212) 439-1090.

**BROOKLYN CENTER FOR THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT** Sunday at 2 p.m., "Greenpoint and Williamsburg Waterfront: The Farewell Tour," a look at the industrial area before redevelopment begins, meeting at the street-level entrance to the Greenpoint Avenue subway station on the G line, at the corner of Greenpoint and Manhattan Avenues. (718) 788-8500, Ext. 208. \$13; \$10 for members; \$8 for 62+ and students.

**CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY** Free weekend tours of Central Park. Tomorrow at 9:30 a.m., "Views From the Past," the early days of the park, meeting at the Dairy, midpark at 65th Street. Tomorrow at noon, "Cross-Park Promenade" meets at the statue of Samuel F. B. Morse, at Fifth Avenue and 72nd Street. Tomorrow at 1 p.m., "Waterways and Vistas," meeting at the Dairy. [centralparknyc.org](http://centralparknyc.org).

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