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# NYC weekend picks

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Here are our picks for what to see and do in the city this weekend.

## Watch puppets challenge the malaise of life



Credit: Liz Maney

You've got to hand it to The BoxCutter Collective, a puppet troupe that deviates from the typical felt hand creatures. In its latest offering "Everything Is Fine: A Children's Show for Scared Adults Living in a Scary World," the group skewers city life, basic life and paranoia with gut-punch comedy. **WHEN | WHERE** 8 p.m. Feb. 21, Jalopy Theater, 315 Columbia St., Brooklyn **INFO** \$15; 718-395-3214, [jalopytheatre.org](http://jalopytheatre.org)

## Take a cannoli-making workshop

Credit: Allison Scola | Experience Sicily

Perhaps one of the underrated moments in the life of a New Yorker is that first time one bites into a cannoli. The Italian pastry's taste is so immediate, yet it's not so easy to make. This session with cannoli connoisseur Allison Scola and Sicilian pastry chef Giusto Priola is intended to give guests the scoop on how to craft these yummys *a mano*. **WHEN | WHERE** 1:30 p.m. Feb. 22; Cacio e Vino, 80 Second Ave., Manhattan **INFO** \$75, \$45 children; 646-281-4324, [experiencesicily.com](http://experiencesicily.com)

# Big dance, big beats and big hair

Credit: Newsday/Rob Rich | SocietyAllure.com

While mathematically impossible to prove, this event billed as "New York's Largest Dance Party" can certainly boast lots of reasons to get up and boogie. For starters, there's the lineup of major disco acts like The Trammps and Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, as well as freestyle stars such as Company B and former members of TKA. Also on hand will be club-packing tribute band Disco Unlimited (pictured). **WHEN** |

**WHERE** 8 p.m. Feb. 22; Resorts World Casino, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., Jamaica **INFO** \$25-\$65;  
[rwnewyork.com](http://rwnewyork.com)

## Chrisette Michele at Sony Hall

Credit: Rious

Patchogue native Chrisette Michele has earned Grammy nominations and she's performed with some of the biggest names in music, but on this occasion, she'll be the only star. Now's the chance to hear her smooth yet powerful voice as she commands the stage. **WHEN** | **WHERE** 8 p.m. Feb. 22; Sony Hall: 235 W. 46th St., Manhattan **INFO** \$35 in advance, \$40 day of; 212-997-5123, [chrisettemichelesworld.com](http://chrisettemichelesworld.com)

## Party with the 'Sesame Street' gang at the Garden

Credit: Feld Entertainment Inc.

If you have children, know some or a still a child at heart, you know what "Sesame Street" means to most kids. In the interactive "Sesame Street Live! Let's Party," guests will get to sing along to classic and new ditties and move to the beat along with Elmo and other beloved characters that have helped keep the show going strong for a half-century. **WHEN** | **WHERE** Feb. 14-23; Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden, Manhattan **INFO** \$40-\$75, meet and greet package \$169; 212-465-6741, [msg.com](http://msg.com)

# Motivated film art exhibition intended to inspire

Credit: Cauleen Smith

Poetry, science fiction and experimental cinema are some of the influences that have inspired artist Cauleen Smith. For her film presentation "Mutualities," Smith reflects on histories found within the African diaspora that shine a light on how the interesting and kind sides of intelligence can lead to change and growth. Pictures is a still from Smith called "Sojourner." **WHEN | WHERE** Feb. 17-May 22, 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, 10:30-6 p.m. Saturday-Monday and Wednesday-Thursday; Whitney Museum of

American Art, 99 Gansevoort St., Manhattan **INFO** \$25, \$18 seniors and students, free 18 and younger; 212-570-3600, [whitney.org](http://whitney.org)

## Josh Groban's 'Great Big' Radio City residency

Credit: AFP/Getty Images/Getty Images | Don Emmert

Grammy-nominated singer Josh Groban has a signature style that walks a tightrope between pop and opera. Now his huge fan base can come to Radio City Music Hall four times this year for his "Great Big Radio City Show" to hear him croon. **WHEN | WHERE** 8 p.m. Feb. 14 (additional dates are April 18, June 20 and Sept. 26), Radio City Music Hall, 1260 Sixth Ave., Manhattan **INFO** \$116-\$999; 866-858-0008, [joshgroban.com](http://joshgroban.com)

## 'Arcadia Earth:' art reflecting environmental crisis

Credit: David Mitchell | Arcadia Earth

"Arcadia Earth " is an art exhibition inspired by environmental issues affecting Earth. This immersive, walk-through display offers 15 rooms of installations focused on man-made threats to the oceans, forests and atmosphere, and each one was created with reusable parts and upcycled materials. **WHEN | WHERE** 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Feb. 28, 718 Broadway,

Manhattan **INFO** \$33, \$27 ages 2-12;  
[arcadia.earth](http://arcadia.earth)

## Chill out at the Museum of Ice Cream

Credit: Museum of Ice Cream

Using ice cream as inspiration, this "museum" doesn't touch on the history of the dessert, but instead offers a flashy, Instagram-worthy series of installations including a play-pit filled with faux sprinkles, a lengthy slide and subway-styled experience. **WHEN | WHERE** 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday-Monday, 558 Broadway, Manhattan **INFO** \$39; [museumoficecream.com](http://museumoficecream.com)

# Theater of Operations: The Gulf Wars 1991–2011

Credit: Jamal Penjweny | MoMA PS1

With more than 250 works, this exhibition at MoMA PS1 is a look at 20 years of military engagement in Iraq through the eyes, minds and hands of over 70 artists--starting with the original Gulf War, to the heavily-sanctioned period before war began again in 2003 until combat was officially ended eight years later. Expect powerful expressions as the art is deeply informed by violence, intolerance, life under dictatorship, life during wartime and the impact of oil. (Pictured: Work from the series "Saddam is Here" by artist Jamal Penjweny) **WHEN | WHERE** noon–6 p.m. Thursday–Monday, Nov. 3–March 1; 22–25 Jackson Ave., Long Island City (Queens) **INFO** \$25; children 16 and younger are free; 718-784-2084, [moma.org](http://moma.org).

## Try ice bumper cars in Brooklyn

Credit: Dillon Clancy | Aviator Sports and Events Center

If you crave a slippery ride during in which you knock into people along the way, driving a bumper car on an ice rink should get you revved up. Think of it as an alternative to ice skating but instead of gliding -- or falling down -- you can sit in a car and move around for 15 minutes. Cars can be booked online in advance up until four hours before scheduled sessions begin; cars not reserved are available to walk-ins (reservations are recommended; riders must be at least 36 inches tall, age 7 and older and less than 300

pounds. **WHEN** | **WHERE** Friday-Sunday through March 29 (times vary), Aviator Sports and Events Center, Floyd Bennett Field, 3159 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn **INFO** \$26; 718-758-7500, [aviatorsports.com](http://aviatorsports.com)

## 'Jamaica' by the Harlem Repertory Theatre

Credit: Michael Blase | Harlem Repertory Theatre

Feel like you're in the tropics when Harlem Repertory Theatre presents a revival of the musical "Jamaica" that first arrived on Broadway in the 1950s with a cast that included Lena Horne, Ricardo Montalban and dance legend Alvin Ailey. The tale of a Caribbean girl who dreams of finding love in the Big Apple is also a look at how a family from an isolated island deals with the surging arrival of American culture. **WHEN** |

**WHERE** 7 p.m. Jan. 11 (also Feb. 1, March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6), The Tato Laviera Theatre, 240 E. 123rd St., Manhattan **INFO** \$15-\$50; 917-697-3555; [harlemrepertorytheatre.com](http://harlemrepertorytheatre.com)

## Check out the new Hudson Yards

Credit: Craig Ruttle

There's a lot to see and buy at Hudson Yards, the behemoth new neighborhood that spans 28 acres. For shoppers' there are more than 100 stores including NYC's first Neiman Marcus. There are restaurants galore, including José Andrés' Mercado Little Spain food hall, Thomas Keller's luxe TAK Room and more casual spots. Outside, find five acres of public parks along with the Vessel, a 150-foot-honeycomb sculpture featuring 154 interconnecting flights of stairs with 80 landings from which to take in the smashing view (there's also an elevator.) **WHEN | WHERE** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7p.m. Sunday.; 30th to 34th streets between 10th and 11th avenues, accessible from the High Line and the 7 train.

**INFO** The Vessel is free; reserve timed-entry tickets at [hudsonyardsnewyork.com](http://hudsonyardsnewyork.com)

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