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## Deep Origins

Gaby Grobo leads us into introspection to reflect on the vital nature of our existence, in a world which is, at the very least, tumultuous. The work creates an atmosphere that invites us to grasp the concept it seeks to convey. The winding movement of the roots is accompanied by abstract lines that define the horizon on one side and the earth on the other, where they are rooted. A combination of waves and colors grant a pleasing rhythm to the work; the sounds and silence of the countryside are easy to perceive.

One may follow Gaby on her Instagram:

**@gabygrobo**

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## Celebrate the 4th of July

From the Macy's 4th of July Fireworks show to parties on NYC's rooftop bars and cruising around on boat tours, we've got you covered on how to spend the perfect summer holiday with friends and family.

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## Travel to France at Bastille Day

Francophiles can celebrate Bastille Day—NYC's annual celebration that usually includes street



## See "Ice Cold" when it's hot out

In the resonant words of A\$AP Rocky, "The nails, the kilts, the pretty-boy swag, the pearls—I think



fairs, dance events, live music, and performances (the cancan!)—through a number of fun events this year. There are two major Bastille Day events this year on July 14. The first is FIAF's Bastille Day Celebration taking over the Upper East Side with cultural programming, a champagne party, two film screenings, more than 50 French and local vendor booths, and free activities for all ages. Also don't miss a music festival featuring French performers in Central Park that night.

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## Feel the enchantment at "Wonderland: Curious Nature"

Sometimes you'll feel very tall, sometimes very small, and sometimes in awe of it all at this new New York Botanical Garden exhibit that celebrates the magic of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. With a variety of botanical and artistic exhibitions throughout the Bronx garden's 250 acres, "Wonderland: Curious Nature" encourages visitors to get "curiouser and curiouser" around every turn. See a massive white (well, actually green) rabbit made entirely of plants; explore an enchanting English garden with delightfully weird flora; climb through a rabbit hole; hang out in a house made of mycelium

it's just being comfortable. I just express myself with fashion, and what's fly is fly." What's fly is "Ice Cold: An Exhibition of Hip-Hop Jewelry" at the American Museum of Natural History, a new show that features dozens of incredible necklaces, rings, watches, chains, and more worn by some of the biggest names in music. A few highlights include T-Pain's Big Ass Chain necklace, Ghostface Killah's eagle arm band, Nicki Minaj's Barbie pendant, Beyoncé's nail rings, Cardi B's nipple covers, and Slick Rick's crown. While the pieces are a sight to behold up-close, the exhibit carries a much deeper meaning, especially as New York City wraps up its 50 years of hip-hop celebrations.

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## See free Broadway performances in Bryant Park

If you're Broadway enthusiast but don't necessarily have the budget to check out all the best shows, you'll enjoy this: Bryant Park is going to play home to some of the most iconic Broadway productions on select days from 12:30pm-1:30pm next month, so you can get a taste of it all. The performances, an effort organized by 106.7 LITE FM and iHeartRadio Broadway, will kick off on Thursday, July 11 and continue for the subsequent three Thursdays on a stage setup in the park at Sixth Avenue between 40th and 42nd streets. Dubbed Broadway in Bryant Park, the lineup is stacked

bricks; and much more at this sprawling exhibition. Wonderland: Curious Nature runs through October 27, 2024, and will evolve with each season. Though it's now more than 150 years since the first publication of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, the delightful story with its heroic protagonist feels just as fresh as ever—especially at New York Botanical Garden with its enchanting scientific and artistic twist on the story.

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with some of the best numbers from some of the most popular musicals. Because the events are free, it's recommended that you show up early to secure a good spot.

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## Be the first to hear these new, modern U.S. anthems

The U.S. national anthem was written in 1814, long before the Civil Rights movement, the World Wars and the Internet were a thing. For those reasons, and many others, some might say that the Star Spangled Banner feels outdated and not reflective of contemporary America. That's why the Brooklyn Public Library and Lincoln Center asked dozens of musicians to come up with an American anthem that reflects the collective hopes, struggles and histories of today's America—and you'll soon be able to hear the songs that were selected as the finalists. The three anthems will be performed live at the Lincoln Center's Damrosch Park on July 6 starting at 8pm, an event that will be free and open to the public to attend. Admission to the concert is first-come-first-serve, so make sure to show up early to secure

## Rock out at The Rooftop at Pier 17

The Rooftop at Pier 17 has long been one of our favorite concert venues in New York City. The panoramic views, the chill vibe, and the stellar acoustics make it a truly special spot to see a show. And with this year's stacked lineup of 60+ concerts this summer, it's definitely worth heading there for a night of live music. Sixth Summer Concert Series on The Rooftop at Pier 17 features more than 60 artists in genres from rap (Isaiah Rashad) to rock (Social Distortion) to electronic (Electric Callboy) and more. Plus, there are several bands on the roster that will make Millennials swoon with nostalgia (like Taking Back Sunday, Something Corporate, Two Door Cinema Club, and Mayday Parade). Read on for the full lineup and get tickets here.

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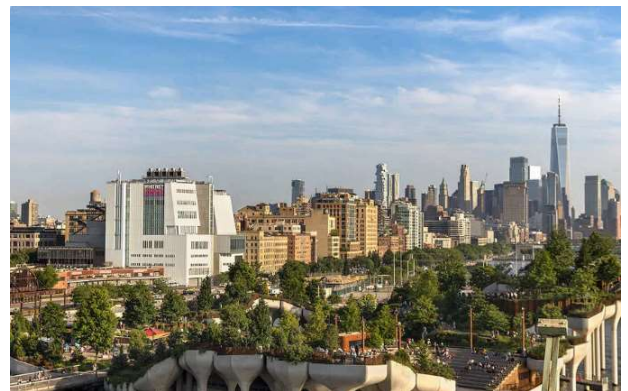


## Eat sushi (and more) at JAPAN Fes

Eat your way through Japan without ever leaving New York City at JAPAN Fes, the massive foodie festival, which is back and bigger than ever for 2024. The organization is hosting 30 outdoor events this year stretching through November in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens. Event organizers say it's the largest Japanese food festival in the world, attracting 300,000 visitors and featuring 1,000 vendors every year. Expect dishes including takoyaki, ramen, matcha sweets, yakisoba, karaage, okonomiyaki, and

your spot. For more information on the concert, visit Lincoln Center's website.

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## Experience free fun at West Side Fest

After a successful debut last year, West Side Fest—a festival celebrating the best of the West Side—is back and bigger than ever with free access to museums, performances, and other all-ages fun. The festival runs from July 12 to 14 along the western side of Manhattan, expanding from one day to three days this year. Activities include free admission to Dia Chelsea, a block party at Poster House, art-making at The Whitney, a family day at The Rubin,



lots more. They're even hosting a ramen contest and a konamon contest this year to crown the best of the bunch. Vendors hail from New York City, as well as other states and other countries. Here's the full list of dates and neighborhoods.

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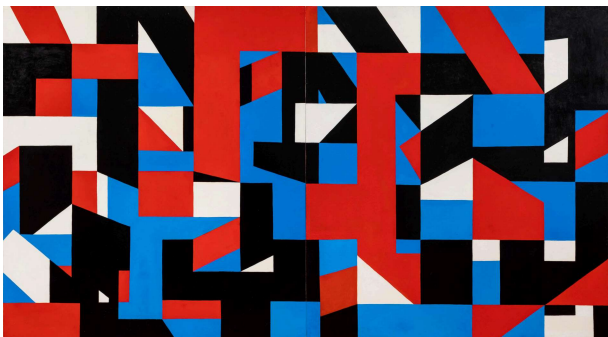
performances at Little Island, and much more. While many organizations are offering free admission to programs and events, advance registration may be required so check here before you go.

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## SEE IT NOW

It's not a good time to procrastinate -- several important shows are on the verge of moving on. Catch them while there's still a chance to enjoy their artistry and splendor.

Curated List by Sharon Hoge



### **Americans in Paris: Artists Working in Postwar France, 1946-1962**

**Grey Art Gallery**

Not to be overshadowed by the US art scene and the rise of Abstract Expressionism, dozens of Americans working in post World War II Paris were experimenting with a range of formal strategies and approaches. Paintings, photographs, sculptures, films, textiles show the work of nearly 70 expatriate artists.

Closes July 20

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## **The Harlem Renaissance: and Transatlantic Modernism**

### **The Metropolitan Museum**

New Black cities were taking shape in the 1920's-40's when millions of African Americans began moving away from the segregated rural South. Showing Black artists' depictions of everyday life, works in this exhibition illustrate how the modern Black subject plays a central role in the development of international art.

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## **Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys The Brooklyn Museum**

### **The Brooklyn Museum**

Expansive collectors, musical icons Swizz Beatz (Kasseem Dean) and Alicia Keys champion the philosophy of "artists supporting artists." This selection from the couple's world class collection focus on creations of Black diasporic artists.

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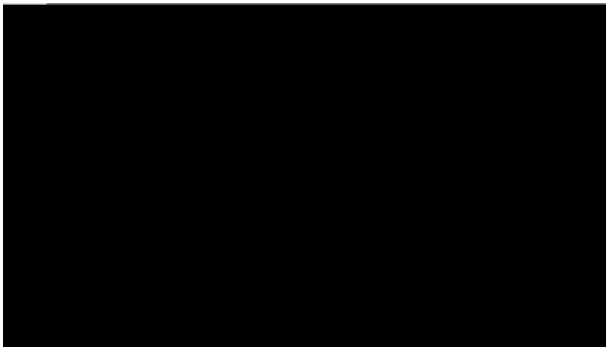


## Sonia Delaunay: Living Art

### Bard Graduate Center

Around 200 objects -- textiles, fashion, interiors, books, mosaics, tapestries -- explore the diverse and interconnected body of work which has earned painter, artisan, designer Sonia Delaunay a reputation as one of the most influential 20-th century artists.

Closes July 7



## The Shape of Color

### Peter Blum Gallery

Each with a unique lexicon of material, surface, support, scale, seven contemporary artists working within the mode of abstraction illustrate the role of color and light in nonrepresentational painting today.

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