



The Hot List

Five amazing things to do in New York this week

May 20-26, 2015



Features

12 Opening ceremonies

Memorial Day weekend (a.k.a. the start of summer) is here, so make those 72 hours count: With our essential checklist, you can honor the troops, hit the pool, chow down on barbecue and so much more.

20 Going up!

Brilliant, bizarre theater troupe Elevator Repair Service keeps things weird after more than two decades. Founder and director John Collins picks the crew's favorite boundary-busting performances over the years.

22 Frontman-to-frontman

The Pixies' Black Francis and TV on the Radio's Tunde Adebimpe have a heartfelt chat about the evolution of NYC and why being in a band is like working on a submarine.

61 Hey, I'm walk-in here

Need a massage or a haircut, like, now? Hit up one of these salons and spas that are happy to take impromptu clients.



As Japan's revered animation house Studio Ghibli faces an uncertain future, the touching and adventurous *When Marnie Was There* proves a worthy (possible) swan song. *Opens Fri 22; see Film*



2 Sculptor **Huma Bhabha** shows her mastery of 2-D work in nuanced paintings and collages. *Through June 28; see Art*



3 Michelin-starred chef Jason Atherton serves an elevated Anglophile menu at **The Clocktower**. *Now open; see Eating*



4 **Perfect Pussy** (fronted by dynamo Meredith Graves) plays Brooklyn Night Bazaar's last hurrah. *Sat 23; see Music*



5 Salute the greatest reality stars of our time with screenings from the **Internet Cat Video Festival**. *Wed 20; see Things to Do*

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CRITIC'S CHOICE



Contributing associate Comedy editor Tom Brink on the one event he can't miss this week:

"I'll be hanging out all week at the Creek and the Cave in LIC to watch Zen master comic's comic Ted Alexandro headline five nights of shows, all for free. Good thing the venue has a bar and some killer Mexican food, so I won't have to miss any jokes in the name of hunger."

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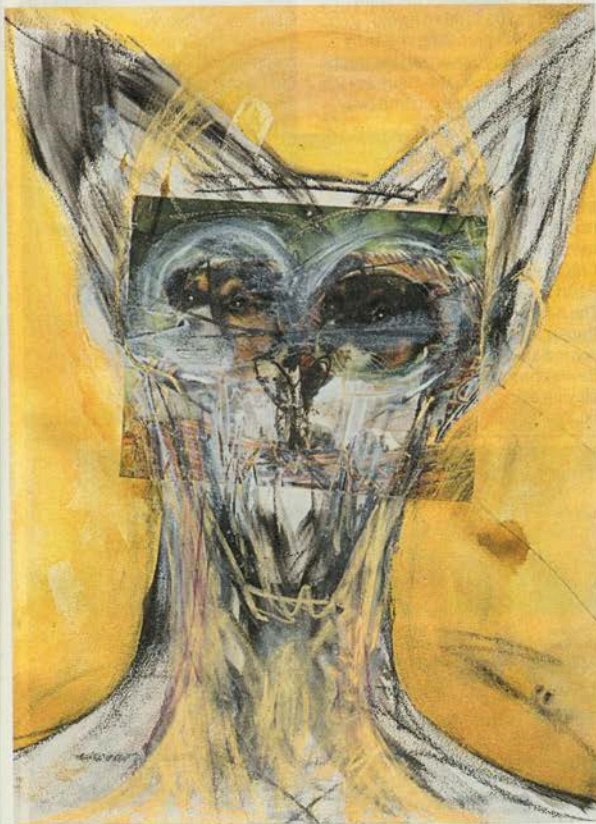
AMERICA'S MOST WANTED, ROBERT S. (1998)

Who: Deborah Kass, the feminist "Weird Al" Yankovic of Pop Art
What: Known for her Warhol parodies, Kass takes on Andy's Wanted poster series with her own version, substituting museum curators for the hardened criminals featured in the original 1964 piece.
Where: Sargent's Daughters, through June 28



UNTITLED (2014)

Who: Huma Bhabha, Pakistan-born New York artist known for haunting totemic sculptures that mix tribal art with early modern Expressionism
What: This half of a two-space show features the artist's pastels and collages of animal-human hybrids and other images.
Where: Salon 94 Freemans, through June 28



Critic's picks



By Art editor Howard Halle



PIERRE HUYGHE

Head-scratching yet undeniably beautiful, Huyghe's rooftop installation includes an aquarium with a floating rock, set against the skyline. ▶ The Metropolitan Museum of Art; through Nov 1

LEON GOLUB

Golub's rage against political injustice courses through fiercely Expressionistic canvases. ▶ Hauser & Wirth New York; through June 20

"#RAWHIDE"

This group show of Western and cowboy-themed art from the 19th century to the present will leave you yelling yee-haw! ▶ Venus Over Manhattan; through July 11

LEE UFAN

This Korean artist creates sublimely Minimalist paintings and sculptures that are Zen with a capital Z. ▶ Pace Gallery; through June 27

YAYOI KUSAMA

Polka-dotted pumpkins, paintings and a white room viewers can "obliterate" by applying colored stickers on the walls are all part of the mix in the artist's latest show. ▶ David Zwirner; through June 13



Also on view this week

Frida Kahlo, "Art, Garden, Life"

Botanical subjects were a running theme in the work of Frida Kahlo and are explored in this tribute to the artist, which includes a reconstruction of the garden she maintained outside her studio. *The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Blvd, Bronx (718-817-8700, nybg.org).* Through Nov 1.

Alex Katz Pop-y without being Pop

Art, Katz's paintings have transformed traditional genres such as portrait, landscape and still life. Now 87, Katz is still going strong as his latest works attest. *Gavin Brown's Enterprise, 620 Greenwich St (212-627-5258, gavinbrown.biz).* Through June 13.

"Yoko Ono: One Woman Show, 1960-1971"

Before Yoko Ono became linked with the Beatles, she was a conceptual and performance artist influenced by Duchamp and the Fluxus movement. This survey covering the years before her pop-cultural celebrity revolves around the 1971 "show" she mounted for herself at MoMA. *Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), 11 W 53rd St (212-708-9400, moma.org).* Through Sept 7.

"Russian Modernism: Cross-Currents of German and Russian Art, 1907-1917"

Between the turn of the 20th century and World War I, artists from Germany and Russia exchanged ideas that changed 20th-century art. This exhibition revisits that period of cross-fertilization, with a look at German and Russian Expressionism. *Neue Galerie New York, 1048 Fifth Ave (212-628-6200, neuegalerie.org).* Through Aug 31.

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