

Thursday, September 1: Before you cast your ballot this November, head to a Global Town Hall on [Foreign Policy and the Next President](#), which will feature a panel of experts exploring the question, “What would the world like to hear from the next American president?” [The Greene Space](#).

Friday, September 2: Hear the call of Robert Marbury, who gives an illustrated presentation on [alternative taxidermy](#) and how it's evolved as the practice has taken on new prominence. [Morbid Anatomy Museum](#).

Saturday, September 3: Speak with paleoanthropologist Anna Ragn at a “Meet the Scientist” event and learn the latest in [what fossils can tell us about human evolution](#). [American Museum of Natural History](#).

Sunday, September 4: Hop aboard and explore the [Nantucket Lightship](#), the last fully operational lightship in the United States, with this free public tour. [Brooklyn Bridge Park](#).

Monday, September 5: Join the two million revelers who come out for the annual West Indian–American Day Carnival, with music, bites, and unbelievable costumes along Eastern Parkway.

Tuesday, September 6: Re-examine a discredited proposition of the early feminist movement—that the personal is political—in the autobiographical work of scholar [bell hooks](#) and TV writer/creator [Jill Soloway](#) (*Transparent*). Find them in conversation about using their own lives towards liberation. [The New School](#).

Wednesday, September 7: Learn to stop worrying and love the bomb at this screening of [Dr. Strangelove](#), which will feature an introduction and discussion with Eric Schlosser, author of *Command and Control: Nuclear Weapons, the Damascus Accident, and the Illusion of Safety*. [Museum of the Moving Image](#).

Thursday, September 8: Draw up a plan to attend this evening with [Bob Mankoff](#), Cartoon Editor of *The New Yorker*, as he “muses on the subjects that make us laugh.” [Museum of the City of New York](#).

Friday, September 9: Create your own Japanese art masterpieces during a [Chigiri-e Paper Art workshop](#), featuring this delicate art form, in which pieces of special Japanese paper are torn into shapes and pasted onto paperboard, creating watercolor-like tableaux. [Japan Society](#).

Saturday, September 10: Set the scene at this talk and tour exploring the history and creation of the American Museum of Natural History’s famed [wildlife dioramas](#). [American Museum of Natural History](#).

Sunday, September 11: Mark the 15th anniversary of 9/11 by attending the [9/11 Table of Silence Project](#), a dance performance by Buglisi Dance Theatre in Lincoln

Center Plaza that brings together over 100 dancers and musicians in a ritual for peace. [Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts](#).

Monday, September 12: Go behind the screen at this conversation with actor [Ethan Hawke](#), who will discuss race, guns, violence, and white accountability in the age of racialized police brutality, in conjunction with his upcoming film *The Magnificent Seven*. [The Greene Space](#).

Tuesday, September 13: Travel from Westeros to Denmark to Gotham City at [Hamlet, The Joker, and George R.R. Martin: Radical Nihilism](#), a talk exploring how these famed media works have uncovered the deep and radical nihilism that lies underneath, well, everything. The Pennsy.

Wednesday, September 14: Grab your chopsticks and head to [The Many Cuisines of China](#), a talk and tasting exploring the many varieties of regional cuisines and delicacies. [92nd Street Y](#).

Thursday, September 15: Rock around the clock at [A Cultural History of Rock n' Roll](#), which will look at this distinctly American art form through an anthropological lens. [Brooklyn Brainery](#).

Friday, September 16: Raise your awareness at [Chasing Consciousness](#), part of a series of free talks and dialogues that explore consciousness as a concept and the role it plays in our lives. [Rubin Museum of Art](#).

Saturday, September 17: Go underground for this tour of [New York City's subway system](#) and its past, present, and future. [Untapped Cities](#).

Sunday, September 18: Hit the beach at [Transit Walk: A Trip to Coney Island](#), which will explore the historic neighborhood and weave together its contemporary art and transportation history. [New York Transit Museum](#).

Monday, September 19: Don't deny yourself the chance to attend this discussion with actress [Rachel Weisz](#) and Deborah E. Lipstadt, whom Weisz portrays in the upcoming film *Denial*, which centers on Lipstadt's trial against Holocaust denier David Irving. [Merkin Concert Hall](#).

Tuesday, September 20: Navigate your way to [John Roman on The Art of Illustrated Maps](#), an exploration of artistic, not-to-scale maps and how our minds instinctively accept the artistic license they take. [New York Public Library—Stephen A. Schwarzman Building](#).

Wednesday, September 21: Consider the characteristics of the world's greatest urban centers at [What Makes a Great City?](#), a talk that will answer this question and discuss how other cities can learn from the best. [New York Public Library—Stephen A. Schwarzman Building](#).

Thursday, September 22: Explore Soho without leaving Midtown at [The Lofts of Soho: Gentrification, Art, and Industry in New York, 1950-1980](#), a talk centered on the transformation of Soho from industrial space to artistic enclave to its affluent residential and retail present. [New York Public Library—Mid-Manhattan Library](#).

Friday, September 23: See Lower Manhattan through an artistic lens at [Public Art Tour: Walking the Battery](#), a walking tour discovering the secrets of Battery Park City's public art. [92nd Street Y](#).

Saturday, September 24: Delve into American history at [Five Turning Points that Changed American History](#), a talk on the pivotal moments that forever altered the nation's character. [New York Society for Ethical Culture](#).

Sunday, September 25: Jump into the pages of a beloved classic with this walking tour of the places frequented by the characters in Sydney Taylor's [All of a Kind Family](#). [Museum at Eldridge Street](#).

Monday, September 26: Blast off at this discussion with former NASA astronaut [Dan Barry](#) on the sensations of flying in space, how the design choices of their spacecraft surroundings affect astronaut's emotions, and what's next for space exploration. [Cooper Hewitt, National Design Museum](#).

Tuesday, September 27: Work up an appetite at [Forked: Toward a New Standard for American Dining](#), in which Saru Jayaraman will change how we think about our restaurants habits by offering a new look at what really goes on behind kitchen doors. [92nd Street Y](#).

Wednesday, September 28: Build up your knowledge of renowned architects Frank Lloyd Wright and Philip Johnson at [Architecture's Odd Couple](#), a talk exploring the historical threads connecting the two architects' work and the era their designs so enlivened. [New York Public Library—Mid-Manhattan Library](#).

Thursday, September 29: You never know what serendipitous event will occur if you attend [Connecting with Coincidence](#), a discussion sharing the factors that contribute to the occurrence of meaningful coincidences in our lives. [New York Public Library—Mid-Manhattan Library](#).

Friday, September 30: Thou shalt attend [Ten Commandments of Presidential Leadership](#), which will be revealed by lawyer and historian Talmage Boston using examples from 10 past presidents, whose specific leadership traits during their terms set the standard for future Commanders-in-Chief. [92nd Street Y](#).