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[\*\*American Folk Art Museum\*\*](#) - This museum is one of the leading institutions dedicated to the importance of folk art as a vital component of mainstream artistic expression and celebrates the extraordinary accomplishments of "ordinary people."

[\*\*American Museum of Natural History\*\*](#) - World renowned museum which in addition to its permanent plant, animal, and cultural, exhibitions includes the world's largest star projector and collection of fossil specimens.

[\*\*Asia Society Museum\*\*](#) - Find out more about the Museum's Asian and Asian American contemporary art exhibitions. Online versions of ongoing and past exhibitions are also featured. Access a searchable database of masterworks from South, Southeast, and East Asia, dating from 2000 BC to the 19th century.

[\*\*Bronx Zoo\*\*](#) - As the flagship of the largest network of metropolitan zoos in the country, the Bronx Zoo is the heart of the Wildlife Conservation Society and our work to save wildlife and wild places around the globe. The Bronx Zoo is home to award-winning exhibits that feature more than 4,000 animals.

[\*\*Brooklyn Academy of Music\*\*](#) - Dating from its first performance in 1861, BAM has grown into a thriving urban arts center that brings international performing arts, media, and film to Brooklyn.

[\*\*Brooklyn Botanic Garden\*\*](#) - Visiting this site is the next best thing to visiting the garden, with virtual tours and everything you would ever want to know about Brooklyn's horticultural mecca. Also find here gardening information and access to the library and resource center

[\*\*Brooklyn Children's Museum\*\*](#) - Brooklyn Children's Museum offers over 27,000 square feet of interactive exhibition space, designed expressly for kids between the ages of 2 and 10. Ten different galleries offer fun-filled adventures in world culture and natural science.

[\*\*Brooklyn Museum of Art\*\*](#) - The Brooklyn Museum of Art is the second largest art museum in

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New York City and one of the largest in the United States. One of the premier art institutions in the world, its permanent collection includes more than one and a half million objects, from ancient Egyptian masterpieces to contemporary art, and represents almost every culture.

[Carnegie Hall](#) - Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1890, Carnegie Hall has become one of the world's most renowned performance spaces.

[Children's Museum of Manhattan](#) - The Children's Museum of Manhattan inspires children and families to learn about themselves and our culturally diverse world through the arts, literacy, media & communications, science & the environment and early childhood education.

[Cinema Classics](#) - Known for its offbeat screenings of the best foreign, cult, contemporary independent and classic Hollywood films, CINEMA CLASSICS is a 60+ seat theatre with vintage theater seats.

[City Lore](#) - The City Lore website tries to capture New York's varied cultural heritage - from the Puerto Rican Day Parade to the bialy. Well-designed online exhibits explore subjects like flavored ice and New York's Caribbean culinary tradition. A people's hall of fame honors "grassroots contributions to New York's cultural life," - hall of famers range from the man who brought the steel drum to the New York to distinguished Yiddish poets.

[Cool New York Event Finder](#) - Corresponding with the unveiling of the Gates, the city's Department for Cultural Affairs launched the Cool New York event finder. The site allows you to search events by category (Botanic Garden, Free, Literary etc.) or by borough. Visitors can also search for events by name or date. The Department's [genera](#)  
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has more information about funding for cultural organizations and its other programs.

[Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum](#) - Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution is the only museum in the United States devoted exclusively to historic and contemporary design. The Museum believes that design shapes our objects, environments, and communications, making them more desirable, functional, and accessible. The Museum celebrates the nature of design and explores its impact on the quality of our lives.

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[Dance Theatre of Harlem](#) - A major cultural institution, encompassing a world-class ballet company, an accredited school of dance, the Dance Theatre of Harlem School, and a national and international arts education and community outreach program, Dancing Through Barriers®.

[Ellis Island Immigration Museum](#) - Once the gateway for millions to America, Ellis Island is now home to a first-rate museum that chronicles the turn-of-the-century immigrant experience. Website includes virtual family scrapbooks and an Ellis Island genealogy search.

[Film Forum](#) - Film Forum Info

[Goethe House German Cultural Center](#) - This local branch of the worldwide group of German cultural centers offers language courses and German-language performances.

[Greenwich House](#) - Greenwich House provides a distinct array of cultural, educational, health, social, medical and recreational services at eight locations in and around Greenwich Village.

[Grey Art Gallery](#) - New York University's fine arts museum, presents lectures and walking tours in addition to a significant permanent collection with a large collection of American painting from the 1940s to the present.

[Hispanic Society of America](#) - The collections of The Hispanic Society of America address nearly every aspect of culture in Spain as well as Portugal, Latin America, and the Philippines.

[IFC Center](#) - Opened in June, 2005, this is the latest art house movie theater.

[Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum](#) - The permanent home of The Isamu Noguchi Garden

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displays more than 240 works, including stone, metal, wood and clay sculptures, models for public projects and gardens, dance sets, and Noguchi's Akari light sculptures.

[La Mama](#) - An experimental theatre with that performs original productions, host play readings exhibits original artwork in its gallery.

[Lincoln Center](#) - Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, New York, is the world's largest cultural complex. The 12 world-renowned independent companies that make up Lincoln Center represent the very best in performing arts today.

[Lower East Side Tenement Museum](#) - The website for the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. Content on the site is a mixture of historical material and information about urban housing and immigrant life today. The site's features include a virtual tour of a Lower East Side tenement with audio files, illustrations of federal detention centers for immigrants, and photo essays on urban housing policy. The site also features a Lower East Side 'merchant of the month,' and provides information for educators and the general public about the museum itself.

[Madison Square Garden](#) - This midtown stadium is home too the Rangers, Knicks and various concerts and theatrical events throughout the year.

[Mannes College of Music](#) - The New School's music center hosts performances by students and professional musicians.

[Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) - In formation since 1870, the Metropolitan Museum's collection now contains more than two million works of art from all points of the compass, ancient through modern times.

[Millennium Film Workshop](#) - A non-profit organization since 1966 that screens independent films and offers classes and equipment for aspiring filmmakers.

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**[Municipal Art Society](#)** - The Municipal Art Society of New York is a private, non-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote a more livable city. Since 1893, the MAS has worked to enrich the culture, neighborhoods and physical design of New York City. It advocates for excellence in urban design and planning, contemporary architecture, historic preservation and public art.

**[Museum of American Financial History](#)** - As the nation's only public museum to celebrate the free market tradition, the Museum of American Financial History follows the American economy from the beginnings of Wall Street to the rise of "dot com" entrepreneurs.

**[Museum of Chinese in the Americas](#)** - The Museum of Chinese in the Americas (MoCA) is dedicated to reclaiming, preserving, and interpreting the history and culture of Chinese and their descendants in the Western Hemisphere.

**[Museum of Jewish Heritage: A Living Memorial to the Holocaust](#)** - With more than 2,000 photographs, 800 artifacts, and 24 original documentary films, the Museum's core exhibition combines archival material with modern media to provide a thoughtful and moving chronicle of history, keeping the memory of the past alive and offering hope for the future.

**[Museum of Modern Art](#)** - The Museum of Modern Art presents some of the finest works of modern and contemporary art in an environment that is responsive to the issues of modern and contemporary art, while being accessible to a public that ranges from scholars to young children.

**[Museum of Television and Radio](#)** - The Museum of Television and Radio includes more than 100,000 programs chosen for their artistic, cultural, and historical significance. The collection covers news, drama, public affairs programs, documentaries, the performing arts, children's programming, sports, comedy, and advertising.

**[Museum of the City of New York](#)** - The Museum of the City of New York holds more than 1.5 million paintings, prints, photographs, costumes, toys, rare books, manuscripts, sculptures, decorative arts objects, and other artifacts that comprise a treasury of New York City history.

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**[National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts](#)** - The National Academy is an honorary association of artists, which maintains an art school and a museum of American paintings, sculpture, prints, and architectural representations which form the permanent collection of over 5000 works of nineteenth through twenty-first century art.

**[New York Botanical Garden](#)** - The New York Botanical Garden is 250 acres of dazzling beauty and hands-on fun. From the newly-restored Enid A. Haupt Conservatory with an eco-tour of the world under glass, to the new Everett Children's Adventure Garden where kids explore nature and plant science, to 48 magnificent gardens and plant collections, the Garden is alive with discovery.

**[New York City Ballet](#)** - This Lincoln Center-based group that trains all its own artists is one of the foremost dance companies in the world.

**[New York City Police Museum](#)** - The New York City Police Museum captures and preserves the long and rich history of the department as well as a present-day look at the world of law enforcement through the eyes of its officers.

**[New York City Sports Commission](#)** -

**[New York Public Library Photography Collection](#)** - A part of the New York Public Library website, this photo collection has a lot to offer, and not all of it is photography. Material includes historical prints, photos from past exhibits, and other galleries.

**[New York Transit Museum](#)** - Housed in a decommissioned 1936 subway station, the New York Transit Museum offers a complete and interactive history of inter-city travel that includes several antique trolleys, subway cars, and turnstiles.

**[NY Historical Society](#)** - The regularly updated homepage of New York Historical Society includes a daily "This Day in New York History," as well as illustrated descriptions of past, present and future exhibitions. Also available is information about the group programs and an online store.

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[Public Theater](#) - The Public is a true American theater, embracing the complexities of contemporary society and nurturing both artists and audiences through its commitment to the idea that The Public should be a place of inclusion and a forum for ideas.

[Radio City Music Hall](#) - World-famous performance space for cinema, live shows, concerts, and sporting events.

[Scandinavian East Coast Museum](#) - This site is the online version of a not-yet-in-existence museum dedicated to Brooklyn's Scandinavian immigrants. There's a history of Scandinavians in NYC, some photographs, and links to other Scandinavian-New Yorker sites.

[Snug Harbor Cultural Center](#) - Various cultural events and institutions can be found in the beautifully renovated historic buildings on Staten Island's north shore.

[Streetplay](#) - Started in 1999 by two nostalgic New Yorkers, this site documents and celebrates the "games we used to play." Sections include stickball, handball, hopscotch, and bottle-caps. It's the place to go for information on the city's stickball leagues and tournaments. The site both celebrates New York (see Mayor Bloomberg at the Stickball Classic 2003), and branches out (don't miss the celebrity section, where President George W. Bush claims that his first political post was the self-appointed "high commissioner" of his high school stickball league.)

[The Jewish Museum](#) - The Jewish Museum, the Western hemisphere's largest Jewish museum, chronicles the culture and identity of a people through artistic and historical exhibitions.

[The Joyce Theater](#) - Founded in 1982, this theater presents a dance-exclusive schedule.

[The Juilliard School](#) - This first-rate performing arts school holds performances by students and professional musicians.

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[The Kitchen](#) - This center for video, music, dance, performance and literature has real info on video. List of those it has sponsored, presented or worked with reads like a Who's Who of the video/music/performance combinations we now take for granted.

[The Town Hall](#) - Midtown performance center that hosts dance, film, music, and other live events. Website includes a full calendar and on-line ticket sales.

[Wave Hill](#) - A spectacular public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades in the Bronx, Wave Hill hosts a wide array of cultural events ranging from poetry readings and dance sessions to Tai Chi classes and horticultural lectures.

[Whitney Museum of American Art](#) - The Whitney is home to more than 12,000 paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, and photographs, representing nearly 2,000 individual artists and providing the most complete overview of twentieth-century American art of any museum in the world.