

with the Met, explores the cultural contexts of iconic architectural monuments. Today's speakers, Islamic-art curator Navina Haider Haykel and Asian-art professor Ebba Koch, discuss the Taj Mahal.

**FREE "You Can Do It, Too"** Brooklyn Public Library's Business Center, 280 Cadman Plaza West at Tillary St, Brooklyn Heights (718-623-7000, ext 4). Subway: 2, 3, 4, 5 to Borough Hall; M, R to Court St. 6pm. Brooklyn Industries owners Lexy Funk and Vahap Avsar discuss their urban designs and share their start-up story.

### Wednesday 31

**Adirondack Sailing Excursions** See Thu 25.

**FREE "Apsaalooke Art & Aesthetics"** 11am-6pm. See Thu 25.

**\*"Bodies...The Exhibition"**

See Thu 25.

**FREE "Bond, James Bond"** 11am-7pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE Cat in the Hat Bronze**

See Thu 25.

**\*Cirque du Soleil: Corteo** 8pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE "Ciudad Moderna"** 11am-6pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE Coney Island Line Launch**

Virgin Megastore Times Square, 1540 Broadway at 46th St (212-921-1020).

Subway: N, Q, R, W, 42nd St S, 1, 2, 3, 7 to 42nd St-Times Sq. Noon-6pm. Serpentina, Heather Holiday, Insectivora and other Coney Island Sideshow characters bring their shenanigans to Manhattan in honor of a new line of tees, totes and messenger bags.

**\*FREE "The Cooper Union End of Year Show"** 11am-7pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE Corner Plot** See Thu 25.

**FREE "Dog Tired of Cattin' Around: How We View Canines and Felines"**

10am-6pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE "Dresses of Transformation"**

8am-10pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE "Family Album: Jewish Artists from St. Petersburg"** See Thu 25.

**\*FREE "A Few Portraits"** Noon-6pm. See Thu 25.

**"Get Your Kicks?"** West Side Loft, 336 W 37th St between Eighth and Ninth Aves (soccerforpeace.com). Subway: A, C, E, 1 to 34th St-Penn Station. 7:30-10:30pm, \$100. Soccer for Peace, a nonprofit organization dedicated to uniting children of war-torn countries, holds a pre-World Cup bash, with guests of honor Ethan Zohn (*Survivor*), professional player Shep Messing, Soccer for Peace founder Ori Winitzer and Columbia economist Sunil Gulati.

**FREE "Great Latin and Caribbean Art"** Tremont Branch Library, 1866 Washington Ave at 176th St, Bronx (nypl.org). Subway: 4 to Burnside Ave. 4pm. CUNY professor Nellie Escalante-Dumberger discusses said art.

**FREE "Images of Ben Franklin: As Seen by Himself and Others"** 9am-8pm. See Thu 25.

**Inside CNN** See Thu 25.

**FREE "Interpreting Times Square"**

See Thu 25.

**FREE "Is Anything More Important to Understand in the World Today Than Jihadism?"** New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 W 64th St at Central Park West (212-874-5210). Subway: A, C, B, D, 1 to 59th St-Columbus Circle. 6pm. Fawaz A. Gerges, an ABC News analyst and NPR commentator, discusses his book *Journey of the Jihadist: Inside Muslim Militancy*, with ABC News chief Chris Isham.

**FREE "The Jewish Graphic Novel"**

9am-5pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE "Live the Dream, the Future of Responsible Living"** 10am-6pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE Lusty Month of May Stain Bar,** 766 Grand St at Humboldt St, Williamsburg, Brooklyn (718-387-7840, stainbar.com). Subway: L to Grand St. 8pm. This month's theme party promises Shakespeare in the garden, turkey drumsticks on the grill and plenty of wenchies.

**\*FREE "Material World"** 10am-6pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE "Myths, Legends, Ghosts and Demons"** See Thu 25.

**FREE New Zealand Design Exhibit**

See Thu 25.

**\*FREE "Process and Promise: Art Education and Community at the 92nd Street Y, 1930-2005"** See Fri 26.

**FREE Revealed** Noon-6pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE Skrawl** See Thu 25.

**FREE Smart Car Exhibit** 1-5pm. See Thu 25.

**\*SOFA New York 2006 Opening Night Gala** Seventh Regiment Armory, Park Ave at 67th St (800-563-7632, sofaexpo.com). Subway: 6 to 68th St-Hunter College. 5-10pm, \$250-\$5,000. Attendees of this ninth annual gala will be offered a private view of more than 1,000 objects, and sample eats from Barbetta, Zarella, La Gouloune and other prominent restaurants.

**FREE "Through Our Eyes: The Life of a Teen Activist in New York"** See Thu 25.

**\*Tiki Barber and Jonathan Tisch Interview Paul Tagliabue** 92nd Street Y, 1395 Lexington Ave at 92nd St (212-415-5500, 92y.org). Subway: 6 to 96th St. 8pm, \$25. In honor of Tagliabue's recently announced retirement, the NFL commissioner converses with Barber and Tisch.

**U.N. Brazilian Food Festival** 11:30am-2:30pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE The United Painting** 9:30am-4:45pm. See Thu 25.

**FREE "Vanishing Points: A Photography Exhibition by John Mack"** See Thu 25.

**FREE "Vaults of Heaven: Sanctuaries of Byzantium"** Noon-5pm. See Thu 25.

**\*FREE "Waist Down—Skirts by Miuccia Prada"** See Thu 25.

## Cityscape

### Walking tours

**The American Revolution and the Civil War NYC Discovery Tours** (212-465-3331). Reservations required for meeting place. Sat 27, Sun 28 at noon, \$13. This special Memorial Day-weekend tour reveals NYC's relevance to both conflicts.

**The Flamboyant and the Bohemian—Greenwich Village and How it Became Famous** Joyce Gold History Tours of New York City (212-242-5762, nyctours.com). Meet in front of the Washington Square Arch, Fifth Ave at Waverly Pl. Sat 27 at 1pm, \$12. Learn about the Village's history, theater, architecture and notorious personalities.

**Historic Broadway Theater District Tour** New York Curmudgeon Tours (212-629-8813). R.S.V.P. for meeting place. Sun 28 at 10am, \$20. Tour guide Bill Walters offers an "insider's view" of the politics and real-estate deals that have shaped the face of the modern Theater District. You'll learn about 66 past and present theaters along the way; not bad for just ten blocks!

**Jack Finney's Time and Again Dr. Phil's New York Talks and Walks** (888-377-4455). Meet in front of the National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park South between Park Ave and Irving Pl. Subway: R, 6 to 23rd St. Sat 27 at 1:30pm, \$20. This Dr. Phil won't urge you to "get real" (we hope), but he will reveal who would have been the high-class neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Morley in Finney's cult classic, *Time and Again*.

**FREE Lower East Side: Where Classic and Contemporary Collide** Lower East Side BID (212-226-9010, lowereastsideny.com). Meet in front of Katz's Delicatessen, southwest corner of Houston and Ludlow Sts. Subway: F to Lower East Side—Second Ave. Sun 28 at 11am. Every Sunday the LES Business

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