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MAY 4 TO JULY 31

Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty
New York

The Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art gives the fashion world's recently passed dark genius his due with this exhibition featuring more than 100 examples from his prolific 19-year career. metmuseum.org



MAY 7 TO SEPT. 5

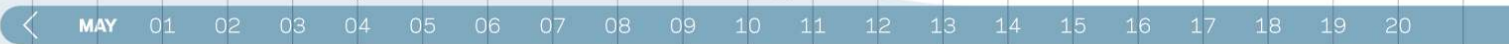
Snakes & Lizards: Summer of Slither
San Francisco

Talk about a hissy fit: More than 300 feet of the animal kingdom's wriggliest residents wrap themselves all over the California Academy of Sciences this summer, joining the gila monster and other lizards. Special programs will allow the brave to touch some of these not-so-cuddly creatures. calacademy.org



EVENTS

MAY



MAY 6 TO JUNE 12

The Mommies—A Musical Blog
Orlando

With songs like "Poop!" and "The Bump" choreographed in the style of YouTube videos, this world premiere from the writer/producer of *Menopause The Musical* and the stars of NBC's *The Mommies* hopes to appeal to today's blogging, *Supernanny*-watching moms. themommies.com

MAY 13-22

Venus & Adonis/Dido & Aeneas
Milwaukee

Things take a turn for the Baroque when the earliest surviving British opera and the first English operatic masterpiece share the bill in this production by the Florentine Opera Company. The former deals with fatal attraction while the latter tells the tale of lovers driven apart by a devious plot. florentineopera.org

MAY 20-22

CubaNostalgia Festival
Miami

Founded by two Havana natives, this celebration at the Fair-Expo Center takes a look back at the Cuba of yesteryear with three days of music, food, art and, of course, mojitos and cigars. cubanostalgia.org





MAY 18-22

Nantucket Wine Festival Nantucket, MA (74 miles plus 135 min. ferry from Boston)

An impressive lineup of winemakers from around the globe—including six of Burgundy's leading female vintners—will descend on the posh island of Nantucket for this festival, now in its 15th year.
nantucketwinefestival.com



MAY 28-29

South Texas Biker Jam & Expo Houston

The smell of leather and shine of chrome fills the Reliant Arena—along with live rock and country music, demo rides, stunt demonstrations, vintage bikes, fashion shows and tattoo competitions—during this biker extravaganza. sotxbikerjam.com

What's That Sound?

On Memorial Day weekend, celebrate the unofficial start of summer with some outdoor tunes.

MOVEMENT ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 28-30 • Detroit

The birthplace of techno is home to this beats 'n' beeps bonanza featuring forward-thinking electronic music stalwarts such as Goldie, Green Velvet and Kerri Chandler.



The opening party has DJ superstars Rusko and Z-Trip manning the decks. paxahau.com/festival

ATLANTA JAZZ FESTIVAL

May 28-30 • Atlanta

Jazz greats like Audrey Shaker, Sean Jones and Gerald Clayton, as well as up-and-comers like the J C Young Youth Jazz Ensemble, fill Piedmont Park at one of the largest free jazz festivals in the US. A ticketed event at Chastain Park featuring the likes of David Sanborn and Trombone Shorty closes out the event.

atlantafestivals.com

SASQUATCH MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 27-30 • George, WA (156 miles from Seattle)

This 10-year-old festival has a pretty big footprint, with some of the most exciting rock, pop, indie and electronic acts in the world performing on four stages. Headliners include Foo Fighters, The Flaming Lips and Modest Mouse. sasquatchfestival.com

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MAY 13 TO AUG. 13

Fiesta Noche Del Rio San Antonio

Billed as the longest regularly playing outdoor musical production in the US (since 1958), this revue is held at the River Walk's Arneson River Theater and features the songs and dances of Mexico, Spain, Argentina and Texas.
alamo-kiwanis.org



JUNE 3-5

Blackbeard Pirate Festival Hampton, VA

Don't let modern-day, civilized Hampton fool you: The town can get pretty rough, especially at the beginning of June, when dozens of pirates turn back the clock to the 18th century with street skirmishes and full-scale sea battles. Festivities conclude with a celebratory funeral parade to honor the beheaded dread pirate and his defeated crew.

blackbeardpiratefestival.com