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At the Playground. On the Stage. In the Backyard.



Monty Leman

A mix of veterans and debut acts appears at the Kitty Nights burlesque show on Sunday nights at Bar on A on the Lower East Side. Tickets are \$5.

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At the playground. On the stage. In the backyard. Everywhere you look, somebody's going a little wild this week.

At Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx, the Urban Park Rangers are helping kids learn to play creatively outdoors at their Wild Playgrounds. Building forts, damming streams, making mud pies and daydreaming are all on the agenda at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays, through Aug. 20. (Pelican Bay Playground, Orchard Beach Section 6-7; 718-885-3466, nycgovparks.org; free.)

Grown-ups can learn some creative play of their own at the Kitty Nights burlesque show. Every Sunday night Bar on A brings in a mix of veteran performers and debut acts, with the guarantee that it will be "the best damn five bucks you'll spend all week." Seating begins at 8:45 p.m., with a show at 9. (170 Avenue A, at 11th Street, Lower East Side, 212-353-8231, kittynights.com; \$5.)

On Wednesday watch Patrick Swayze as Bodhi, a surfer who lives on the edge, and Keanu Reeves as Johnny Utah, the cop who tries to rein him in, at McCarren Park's showing of "Point Break" (1991), the next film in its SummerScreen series. Gates open at 6 p.m., with happy-hour specials and live music until sundown, when the movie begins. (McCarren Park Ballfields, Bedford Avenue, at North 12th Street, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, thelmagazine.com/blogs/SummerScreenNews; free.)

Tuesday is the last night of the Hudson Square Music & Wine Festival, a concert series in the backyard of City Winery. Along with its fellow sponsors Trinity Real Estate and Great Performances, the winery invites families and the after-work crowd to eat,

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Taking up where the artist and educator [Bob Ross](#) left off, the Battery Park City Parks Conservancy is offering **free art classes for adults** on Wednesdays. At 11:30 a.m., learn to sketch the beauty of a garden during "Elements of Nature Drawing" (Robert F. Wagner Jr. Park), or, at 2:30 p.m., honor the human form at "Figure Al Fresco," an outdoor figure- drawing class with a clothed model (South Cove). (Enter at the south end of Battery Park, Second Place and Little West Street, for both locations; materials provided; bpcparks.org.)

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