

Brooklyn

Your perfect weekend

Friday,
Feb 26

We never expected to redefine our relationship with Brooklyn based on the possibility that **Jay-Z and Beyoncé** would become residents. They're mulling the \$25 million Clock Tower in Dumbo, and if they buy it, they can duet to "Crazy in Love" in the shower with views of the Statue of Liberty. See if any Roc Nation interns are hauling stuff inside 1 Main Street before heading to the **Pop-Up Art Sale** (Dumbo Arts Center, 30

Washington St at Water St; 718-694-0831; Fri 6-9pm, Sat noon-8pm, Sun noon-6pm; free). Artists—178, in fact—will sell work starting at \$50. Half of the proceeds benefit the DAC, artists keep the rest, and you head home with a piece of Brooklyn.



Saturday, Feb 27



Linnean Libation League,
Brooklyn Botanic Garden

The Linnean Libation League is injecting a little bit of summer into the dreags of winter: The society's **Desert Escape** is dedicated to Palm Springs circa 1959 and takes place amid the fertile trees of Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Steinhardt Conservatory (enter at 1000 Washington Ave at Eastern Pkwy, Prospect Heights, Brooklyn; 718-623-7200; 4:30-7pm, \$30 [includes two gin drinks and canapés]). At 6pm, booze historian Dave Wondrich will lead an edifying toast about midcentury drinks and their significance within cocktail culture. Vintage attire is encouraged, so wear your very best Beacon's Closet (92 Fifth Ave at Warren St, 718-230-1630) finds tonight.

Sunday,
Feb 28

Ears-deep in a gin hangover from your night of imbibing? Rally your people, curse the G train and hop on (or, if you're already in the neighborhood, just roll out of bed), and gather in Williamsburg for some hair of the dog. The adorably retro Lovin' Cup Café (93 North 6th St between Berry St and Wythe Ave, 718-302-1180) offers an **all-you-can-drink brunch** on weekends for a mere \$15. Nobody—not even the intimidating Bedford Avenue couple who rolled their eyes at your haircut—will judge you for demanding a bottomless **Bloody Mary** at an odd hour. The offer is good from 11:30am to 5pm on Saturdays, and 11:30am till midnight on Sundays. Few things top a hazy, half-drunk Sunday in Kings County—unless it's your worst nightmare. Fear not, Manhattanites. We've got you covered, too. —Sharon Steel

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Last week we told you about City Bakery's Annual Hot Chocolate Festival (3 W 18th St between Fifth and Sixth Aves, hotchocolatefestival.com; through Sun 28), but February is also **Pancake Month** at Clinton Street Baking Co. (4 Clinton St between E Houston and Stanton Sts; 646-602-6263, visit clintonstreetbaking.com for a flavor calendar and hours). The event's final night features its most decadent plate-size special: crunchy-banana pancakes served with cinnamon-chili-chocolate sauce (\$15). Chase them with a Blueberry Smash (\$10) while you wish, feeling strange but full of conviction, that February in Manhattan lasted all year long—if only for the food fests.



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"Quicktake: Rodarte"

Until an Alexander McQueen retrospective crops up, consider the work of Kate and Laura Mulleavy of Rodarte, who continue to create beautifully twisted, emotional collections. You won't regret a visit to the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum to take in the **"Quicktake: Rodarte"** fashion installation (2 E 91st St at Fifth Ave; 212-849-8400, visit cooperhewitt.org for hours; through Mar 14, \$10-\$15). The show offers a glimpse into Rodarte's Orwellian aesthetic with 17 looks, including destroyed silk dresses from fall-winter 2009.

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Whom do we talk about when we talk about the people who keep making us fall back in love with Manhattan? Lillian Ross, Woody Allen, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Lady Gaga, among many others. And when NPR's *This American Life* moved from Chicago to New York City, we were pleased to add its host, **Ira Glass**, to the list. Tonight, Glass and **Jeff Garlin** (92nd Street Y, 1395 Lexington Ave at 92nd St, 212-415-5500; 8pm, \$27) will converse about the *Curb Your Enthusiasm* star's memoir, *My Footprint: Carrying the Weight of the World*, which wittily chronicles his journey to lessen his physical and carbon footprints. A conversation anyone has with Glass is the sort we'd want to overhear, especially if they're from New York. Any borough will do. —Sharon Steel

