



## Own This City

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### Best of the fests

Can't decide what to do this fine weekend? Our three-question quiz can help.

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**1.** Your apartment is on fire! Quick—what do you save?

- a. My digital video camera
- b. My Moi-même-Moitié black lace pinafore and cosplay photo album
- c. My original *Playbill* from the premiere of *Torch Song Trilogy*—signed by Harvey Fierstein
- d. My first-edition copy of *One Hundred Years of Solitude*
- e. This totally bitchin' collage my best friend made out of old Life magazines and bubble

gum.  
It's, like, priceless.

## 2. You're hanging with friends on a Friday night—where do you end up?

- a. **Film Forum** or the **IFC Center**, depending on which has the better lineup
- b. Forbidden Planet, duh.
- c. **Bowery Poetry Club**. We're all about supporting local artists!
- d. Who needs the weekend when you've got Harlem's FB Lounge on a Thursday night?
- e. **Glasslands Gallery** in Brooklyn. I so dig painting on their walls...

## 3. Halloween is coming! What's your costume gonna be?

- a. I'm going as the personification of Death from *The Seventh Seal*. You know that scene where he and the other guy play chess? It's only the coolest moment in film ever.
- b. Spike Spiegel from *Cowboy Bebop*. Hot intergalactic bounty hunter, FTW!
- c. My sig other and I are going as Lou Reed and Laurie Anderson. Good luck telling who's who though.
- d. Salsa queen Célia Cruz!
- e. A unicorn. No, wait—a dragon. Er, maybe an octopus-Republican-hybrid thingie. Whatever I do, you know it'll be homemade. And definitely Bedazzled.

### If you selected mostly As...

**Tropfest** You're a film nerd, and you'll be the laughingstock of your Tisch-grad friends if you miss **Friday 26's** Tropfest (*World Financial Plaza at Battery Park City; 212-219-1699, [tropfest.com/ny](http://tropfest.com/ny); free*), the world's largest short-film shindig. This year's theme is "Sunflower," and guest judges Parker Posey and Billy Crudup will help crown the winner. Screenings start at 8pm, but arrive at 5pm to catch Aussie rockers Tamarama and a bunch of local DJs.

### If you selected mostly Bs...

**New York Anime Festival** You're an anime nerd. Get out of your parents' basement and over to the Javits Center, **Friday 26** through **Sunday 28**, for the annual New York Anime Festival (*655 W 34th St at Eleventh Ave; [nyanimefestival.com](http://nyanimefestival.com). Fri noon–10pm; Sat 10am–10pm; Sun 10am–4pm; \$35–\$150*). Gawk at costumed J-poppers, geek out to MC Chris, or wait in an insane line to meet Iron Chef Morimoto.

### If you selected mostly Cs...

**FAB! Festival** You're an arts nerd, and Fourth Arts Block's free FAB! Festival & Block Party (*E 4th St between Bowery and Second Ave, [fabnyc.org](http://fabnyc.org); 1–5pm*) on **Saturday 27** should be at the top of your to-do list. Catch multidisciplinary performances across six stages from stalwarts like La MaMa E.T.C. and the Duo Theater, or participate in a "white elephant" sale, a.k.a. Yankee swap, held by East Village denizens.

If you selected mostly Ds...

**Puerto Rican State Festival and Queens Hispanic Parade** You're not a nerd—you're just really into Latin culture. Kick it *Boricua-style* for free at **Saturday 27's** Puerto Rican State Festival (*Graham Ave at Debevoise St, Williamsburg, Brooklyn; 718-455-3907, [boricudayparadeofny.com](http://boricudayparadeofny.com); 9am–8pm*), or mingle with a more eclectic crowd at **Sunday 28's** Queens Hispanic Parade (*37th Ave from 69th St to 89th St, Jackson Heights, Queens; 347-526-6295; noon; free*).

If you selected mostly Es...

**Art Under the Bridge Festival** You're an arty hipster, we knew it! Head to the Dumbo Arts Center's 12th annual Art Under the Bridge Festival ([dumboartscenter.org](http://dumboartscenter.org)), **Friday 26** through **Sunday 28**, where more than 65 pieces will be up for the public manhandling. (Really—the theme this year is “art that is touchable, accessible and interactive.”) We're especially looking forward to the *D'Art Buoy*, a water-bound installation that will broadcast the noise of the East River.