

# SPARE Times

March 4-10

## Around Town

### Museums and Sites

**AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY** (Monday and Wednesday) On Monday, the Frontiers in Astrophysics lecture series presents the "2011 Isaac Asimov Memorial Debate," hosted by the museum director, Neil deGrasse Tyson. Six astrophysicists will debate the question, "Can the entire universe be explained with a single, unifying theory?" at the Hayden Planetarium. At 7:30 p.m.; \$15; \$13.50 for members, students and 65+. On Wednesday, "Animal Drawing," a series of five classes, will be led by the naturalist Stephen C. Quinn, author of "Windows on Nature: The Great Habitat Dioramas of the American Museum of Natural History." The series, on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. through April 6, is \$140 (materials not included); reservations are required: [amnh.org/calendar](http://amnh.org/calendar) or (212) 769-5200. Central Park West and 79th Street, (212) 769-5100, [amnh.org](http://amnh.org).

**BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** (Sunday and Thursday) Through April 24, "Home Base: Memories of the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field," the story of the baseball team, the legendary stadium and the Brooklynites who loved them, told with photographs, oral histories and other archival material. On Sunday, a related event, the film "Dum Bums: The History of the Brooklyn Dodgers." At 2 p.m. Exhibition hours: Wednesday through Friday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Thursday, "Trivial and Convivial: BHS Pub Trivia Night," with prizes. At 7 p.m.; \$10; \$8 for members, includes one beverage. Reservations are recom-



FANNY ALLIÉ

**WINDOWS** (Saturday) Chashama, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support creativity and revitalize communities, transforms abandoned storefront windows into sidewalk galleries. This week "tête-à-tête," above, a site-specific papier-mâché installation by Fanny Allié, opens at 266 West 37th Street in Manhattan, with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Viewing hours are Saturday, noon to 7 p.m., and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Then, through March 20, the gallery is open on weekends, noon to 7 p.m., and weekdays, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Through Sunday, a last chance to view "The Great Wave" by Jose Landoni at the Donnell Windows, 20 West 53rd Street, opposite the Museum of Modern Art. Free to the public. For a list of all window locations and hours: [chashama.org/events](http://chashama.org/events) or 212-391-8151.

NICOLE HIGGINS

dame Rosebud, Calamity, Suspended Cirque's Joshua Dean and Ben Franklin. At 10:30 p.m. 16 Main

ter as part of a night of live music, masks, beads and refreshments, with a performance by the magician Eric

Flesh" and "red, black and GREEN: a blues." At 7 p.m. James and Martha Duffy Performance Space at the

## For Children

**BROADWAY PLAYHOUSE: TOM JONES & HARVEY SCHMIDT** (Sunday) Merkin Concert Hall's Broadway Playhouse series introduces great musicals to the next generation of theatergoers. The last production of this year's season focuses on the work of Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. Hosted by Sean Hartley and directed toward ages 4 through 11, the series includes singalongs, games and excerpts from work by the featured authors — in this case, scenes from "The Fantasticks" and "I Do! I Do!" At 11 a.m., 129 West 67th Street, Manhattan, (212) 501-3330, [kaufman-center.org](http://kaufman-center.org); \$20.

**BUNNY HOP** (Tuesday) This event will benefit children as well as entertain them. Presented by the Society of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, it will raise funds for the Pediatric Family Housing Endowment, a program to pay for overnight accommodations for families whose children are undergoing treatment. Those attending will have F. A. O. Schwarz to themselves, which will offer activities like live animal presentations, magic shows, face painting and dressing up. From 6 to 8 p.m., 767 Fifth Avenue, at 58th Street, (212) 639-7972, [thesocietyofmssckc.org](http://thesocietyofmssckc.org); \$180; \$80 for children.

**'THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES'** (Saturday) This is billed as a reimagining of the old fairy tale, and a musical one at that. Presented by Grimm's-n-Giggles Productions, it is part of Phoenix Theater Ensemble's Phoenix for the Family series. The show does focus on an emperor and his wardrobe, both the real and the fantasy kind. (Through March 12.) At 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the Wild Project, 195 East Third Street, between Avenues A and B, East Village, (212) 352-3101.

**'GOLDBLOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS'** (Saturday and Sunday) The story may feature three bears and one blonde, but this new production from Manhattan Children's Theater stars only two actors. They provide their own musical accompaniment in this adaptation, which isn't your usual walk in the woods. (Through April 17.) At noon and 2 p.m., 52 White Street, near Church Street, TriBeCa, (212) 352-3101, [mctny.org](http://mctny.org); \$20; \$50 for priority tickets, which include front-row seats and a cast meeting.

**NEW YORK FAMILY CAMP FAIRS** (Saturday and Sunday) Finding the right summer camp can be as complicated a process as finding the right school. New York Family magazine and the American Camp Association try to make the decision easier by holding annual fairs. More than 60 camp directors from day and sleep-away programs will attend. On Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the St. Jean Baptiste High School, 173 East 75th Street, Manhattan; on Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 7 West 83rd Street, Manhattan, (212) 268-8600, [newyorkfamilycamps.com](http://newyorkfamilycamps.com); free; registration advised.

**'OPEN SPACES'** (Saturday) Aspiring architects ages 4 to 10 are invited to Scandinavia House for an adventure in design. They will first enjoy a scavenger hunt through the museum's current exhibition "Nordic Models + Common Ground: Art and Design Unfolded," then work with educators from the Salvadori Center for Architecture to create their own building models. From 1 to 4 p.m., 58 Park Avenue, at 38th Street, (212) 847-9740, [amsanc.org](http://amsanc.org); \$10; \$7 for members of the American-Scandinavian Foundation. Registration advised.

**'PASTA: A POP UPS PUPPET MUSICAL'** (Saturday) The rock duo Jacob Stein and Jason Rabinowitz are cooking once again in this show, which concerns a quest through Brooklyn