



Fashion Forward

The **Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)** celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA), which numbers nearly 600 womenswear, menswear, jewelry and accessories designers, with *IMPACT: 50 Years of the CFDA* (Feb. 10-Apr. 17). The exhibit spotlights the association's rich history with up to 100 garments and accessories handpicked by the council's leading members, including Oscar de la Renta's Spring 2012 collection's silk taffeta ball gown with guipure lace bodice (left). Seventh Ave., at W. 27th St., 1.212.217.4558

Museums

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—Artifacts include the world's largest collection of vertebrate fossils. **Thru May 28:** *The Butterfly Conservatory: Tropical Butterflies Alive in Winter*. **Thru Jun. 24:** *Picturing Science: Museum Scientists and Imaging Technologies*. **Thru Aug. 12:** *Beyond Planet Earth: The Future of Space Exploration*. Daily 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Suggested admission \$16 adults, \$12 seniors/students, \$9 children 2-12. www.amnh.org. Central Park West, at W. 79th St., 212.769.5100. **Map 1, B5**

CHELSEA ART MUSEUM—Twentieth- and 21st-century works by international artists are displayed. Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs 11 a.m.-8 p.m. \$8 adults, \$4 seniors/students, children under 17 free. www.chelseartmuseum.org. 556 W. 22nd St., at 11th Ave., 212.255.0719. **Map 1, H4**

FRAUNCES TAVERN MUSEUM—Once the gathering place for 18th-century American revolutionary leaders, the building now functions as a museum of Early American history and culture. Daily noon-5 p.m. \$7 adults, \$4 seniors/students/children 6-18, children 5 and under free. 54 Pearl St., at Broad St., 212.425.1778. **Map 1, O7**

THE FRICK COLLECTION—The former residence of industrialist Henry Clay Frick houses one of the world's most magnificent collections of Old Master paintings, furnishings and decorative arts. Tues-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m. \$18 adults, \$15 seniors (62+), \$10 students, pay what you wish Sun 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Children under 10 not admitted. 1 E. 70th St., at Fifth Ave., 212.288.0700. **Map 1, C6**

GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM, SOLOMON R.—Frank Lloyd Wright's famous structure is the repository for world-class contemporary art and exhibits. **Thru**

Feb. 8: *Pop Objects and Icons From the Guggenheim Collection*. **Feb. 24-May 13:** *John Chamberlain: Choices*. **Ongoing:** *Kandinsky at the Bauhaus, 1922-1933*. Sun-Wed & Fri 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-7:45 p.m. \$18 adults, \$15 seniors (65+)/students, children under 12 with an adult free, pay what you wish Sat 5:45-7:15 p.m. www.guggenheim.org. 1071 Fifth Ave., at 89th St., 212.423.3500. **Map 1, A6**

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART—Greek and Roman galleries, vast fashion holdings, instruments of historical, technical and social importance and world-class collections of American, European, Far Eastern, fine and decorative art and more fill this encyclopedic museum. Tues-Thurs & Sun 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Suggested admission \$25 adults, \$17 seniors (65+), \$12 students, children under 12 with an adult free. 1000 Fifth Ave., at 82nd St., 212.535.7710. **Map 1, B6**

Guidelines

Many museums have bookstores and gift shops, as well as restaurants conducive to either a quick bite or leisurely meal. For these and even more choices, visit us online at www.wheretraveler.com. Dates, hours and prices in these listings are subject to change; call to confirm.

All phone numbers begin with the prefix 1, unless otherwise noted.

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MAP LOCATIONS

Note that the references at the end of each listing (**Map 1, A1; Map 2, B5, etc.**) are coordinates for the street maps on pages 68-70.

THE MORGAN LIBRARY & MUSEUM—

Initially the personal library of financier J. Pierpont Morgan, the facility now houses a research library and museum featuring three of the extant copies of the Gutenberg Bible, as well as rare manuscripts, books and drawings. Tues-Thurs 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m. \$15 adults, \$10 seniors (65+)/students/children under 16, children under 12 and Fri 7-9 p.m. free. 225 Madison Ave., at E. 36th St., 212.685.0008. **Map 1, G6**

MUSEUM AT THE FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (FIT)—

Operated by the school renowned for educating tomorrow's trendsetters, this museum celebrates the art and history of fashion and showcases noteworthy designers, couture garments and textiles. Tues-Fri noon-8 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Seventh Ave., at W. 27th St., 212.217.4558. **Map 1, I5**

MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE: A LIVING MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST—

Exhibitions and cultural events celebrate the lives of those who perished in the Holocaust. Sun-Tues & Thurs 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Fri 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$7 students, children under 12 and Wed 4-8 p.m. free. www.mjhnyc.org. Battery Park City, 36 Battery Pl., btw West St. & First Pl., 646.437.4202. **Map 1, P5**

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART—One of the world's greatest repositories of 20th-century art contains masterpieces by van Gogh, Picasso and Matisse. Mon, Wed-Thurs, Sat & Sun 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Fri 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. \$25 adults, \$18 seniors, \$14 students, children under 16 and Fri 4-8 p.m. free. 11 W. 53rd St., btw Fifth & Sixth aves., 212.708.9400. **Map 1, E6**

MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK—

New York City's past, present and future are illustrated through paintings, photographs and more. Daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Suggested admission \$10 adults, \$6 seniors/students, \$20 families (max. two adults), children under 12 free. 1220 Fifth Ave., at 103rd St., 212.534.1672. **Map 1, N3**

NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY—

This cultural institution features more than 60,000 objects and works of art relating to the history of New York. **Thru Apr. 1:** *Remembering 9/11*. **Thru Apr. 15:** *Revolution! The Atlantic World Reborn*. **Thru Aug. 19:** *Making American Taste: Narrative Art for a New Democracy*. Tues-Thurs, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors/educators, \$10 students, \$5 children 7-13. www.nyhistory.org. 170 Central Park West, btw W. 76th & W. 77th sts., 212.873.3400. **Map 1, B4**

ROSE CENTER FOR EARTH AND SPACE—

Home to the Hayden Planetarium Space Theater, Heilbrunn Cosmic Pathway, Cullman Hall of the Universe and Scales of the Universe Walkway. Academy Award winner Whoopi Goldberg narrates the planetarium's show, *Journey to the Stars*. Daily 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m., first Fri of the month 10 a.m.-8:45 p.m. Museum: Suggested admission \$16 adults, \$12 seniors/students, \$9 children 2-12. Museum & Space Show: \$24 adults, \$18 seniors/students, \$14 children 2-12. www.amnh.org. American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West, entrance on W. 81st St., 212.769.5100. **Map 1, B5**

TRIBUTE WTC VISITOR CENTER—

Recovered objects, photographs, oral stories, films and personal effects in five different galleries offer visitors the chance to pay their respects to the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, NYC terrorist attacks. Mon, Wed-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues noon-6 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m. \$15. www.tributewtc.org. 120 Liberty St., btw Greenwich St. & Trinity Pl., 866.737.1184. **Map 1, O6**

WHITNEY MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART—

The museum's permanent collection and temporary exhibitions focus on modern and contemporary artwork by renowned American artists. Wed-Thurs, Sat & Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri 1-9 p.m. \$18 adults, \$12 seniors (62+)/students/ages 19-25, children 18 and under free, pay what you wish Fri 6-9 p.m. 945 Madison Ave., at E. 75th St., 212.570.3600. **Map 1, C6**

SPOTLIGHT



The Voice

Emma Lazarus (above, 1849-1887) is best-known for her sonnet, "The New Colossus," inscribed on the Statue of Liberty. In conjunction with the statue's 125th anniversary, the **Museum of Jewish Heritage** (this page) examines the Jewish-American poet's life, as well as her contributions to Jewish culture, immigration and the promise of America, in *Emma Lazarus: Poet of Exiles*.

 **BIG SPENDER** In 1961, The Metropolitan Museum of Art paid \$2.3 million for Rembrandt's "Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer," a record at the time.

 **ZOO DEBUT** The platypus was exhibited for the first time in America at the Bronx Zoo (Fordham Rd., at Bronx River Pkwy., 1.718.367.1010) on Jul. 15, 1922.

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