

Best of the fests

Dumbo Arts Festival Friday 24–Sunday 26

It's difficult enough to decide what to do during the Dumbo Arts Festival, which brings the work of hundreds of artists to neighborhood galleries and event spaces over the course of a weekend. This year, however, the organizers of the 14-year-old event have made it even harder to pick by branching out: In addition to the usual art exhibits, the fest will also include live music throughout Dumbo, as well as poetry and fiction readings, dance performances and more. Don't miss Eric Corriel's indoor installation, *Dumbo Underwater* (Fri 6–9pm; Sat, Sun noon–6pm); the Steampunk Salon

Saloon, which will feature lectures on the significance of the steampunk movement (Sat, Sun 3–9pm); and Brooklyn author Jonathan Lethem, who reads from his latest novel, *Chronic City* (Fri 7–9pm). **FREE** Locations and times vary; visit dumboartsfestival.com for details.



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Also this week

Tom Verlaine Sun 26

Television's singer plays the sprawling Dumbo Arts Festival.

FREE

Does New York City house a cooler guitarist than Tom Verlaine? (Nah.)



***FREE Tom Verlaine, Billy Ficca and Patrick Derivaz** *Galapagos Art Space, Dumbo. 8pm.*

Dumbo Arts Festival. Tom Verlaine is the greatest guitarist in New York, yet hardly

ever appears on a New York stage. The musician's light schedule is a source of frustration: Watching Verlaine perform—whether fronting his solo band or in Television, accompanying Patti Smith or in silent films—rarely proves less than revelatory. Tonight he appears with Television drummer Billy Ficca and the guitarist Patrick Derivaz.