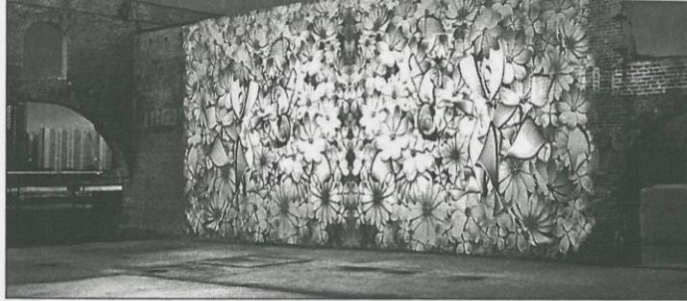


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Videos will be projected on walls and windows, like here at DUMBO's Tobacco Warehouse.

Fest visit a no-brainer

By CALLA SALINGER

THE DUMBO Arts Festival is no longer dumb. After 13 years of silently celebrating art Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass, the free visual-arts extravaganza is branching out — with music, dance, performance art and readings,

ries reflects New York very well," Mass says, and DUMBO's concerts are just as eclectic — from the Japanese avant-garde percussion and dance moves of Soh Daiko (Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Tobacco Warehouse, 26 New Dock St.) to the punk stylings of former Television frontman Tom Verlaine, performing with Billy Ficca and Patrick Derivaz (Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Galapagos Art Space, 16 Main St.)

and signing at the launch of his "Chronic City" paperback tonight from 7 to 9 at the Powerhouse Arena bookstore, 37 Main St.

■ **Paint fight:** Cheer on your favorite street artist when he or she goes canvas-to-canvas in a visual-arts boxing match. Setting up inside the ring at Gleason's Gym at 77 Front St. tomorrow from noon to 6 p.m., they'll each have to make a masterpiece before the clock runs out. You decide the winner!

■ **Something completely different:** What's an art show without a little



The Acrobuffos will be clowning around.

running today through Sunday.

Your challenge? Figuring out what to hear and see from among nearly 700 performers.

"Just wander around and be surprised," suggests Zannah Mass, the festival's executive co-producer and artistic director.

Granted, with videos flickering against DUMBO's walls and windows throughout the festival, you can definitely get a taste of it — but you probably won't want to miss what Mass considers the highlights. There's a little something for everyone, and yes, it's free; go to dumboartsfestival.com for details.

■ **Sounds of New York:** "The sidewalk music se-

■ **Just kidding:** The clown duo known as Acrobuffos set a water-balloon fight to an opera soundtrack in "Waterbombs," tomorrow at 2 and 5 p.m. at Main and Plymouth streets. Head to the same spot Sunday at 4:15 p.m. for more clowning around, this time via the Bindlestiff Family Cirkus.

■ **Required reading:** Stroll around DUMBO tomorrow from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for what Amir Parsa calls his "ambulatory literary experience" — randomly stationed people reading from his "Open Epic, Kanto X, Dekalogue 2," about the Iranian revolution.

"You might think it's someone just talking to themselves, but they're performers," Mass says. Also, "Motherless Brooklyn" writer (and Brooklyn native) Jonathan Lethem will do a Q&A, reading



Victorian garb is old hat for the members of Steampunk Salon Saloon.

(sub)culture? Immerse yourself in all things neo-Victorian and semi-fantastical with Steampunk Salon Saloon, tomorrow and Sunday at the Underwater Lounge at 66 Water St. Expect pseudo-vintage photography, music, dance and elaborate costumes that would raise any proper Victorian's eyebrows.

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