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13 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND IN WASHINGTON, DC

Our end-of-the-week picks for Sept. 23-25

Friday



Grand Opening of National Museum of African American History and Culture

Pay witness to a historic moment in DC when the National Museum of African American History and Culture officially opens its doors on Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. Both before and after this moment, events will honor the momentous occasion, including a dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. on the 24th, which will be attended by President and Mrs. Obama and former President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush.

The day before, Freedom Sounds: A Community Celebration begins on the Washington Monument Grounds at 12 p.m., featuring live music, storytelling and interactive workshops. Public Enemy and The Roots will headline Saturday evening's performers. All events and entry to the museum is free, but timed passes will be offered on the museum's website. Once you step inside, you will see 10 exhibits that cover topics ranging from slavery to the Civil Rights Movement to music and cultural practices.

Freedom Sounds hours: Friday & Sunday – 12 – 5 p.m. | Saturday - Begins at 1 p.m.

Museum hours: Saturday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. | All events & admission is free.

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, 1400 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20560





▲ [Cultural Tourism DC](#)

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[WalkingTownDC](#)

[Cultural Tourism DC](#) showcases the incredible walkability of the nation's capital during this week-long public tour program that concludes on Sunday. Guided walking tours are held throughout the District, introducing attendees to the art, culture and history of the city. Tours come in many variations, from after-work "happy hour" soirees to long weekend tours. Historians, licensed tour guides, community leaders and business owners, among others, host these excursions that will take you to both well-known and hidden gems across DC. View the [schedule](#) and book a tour!

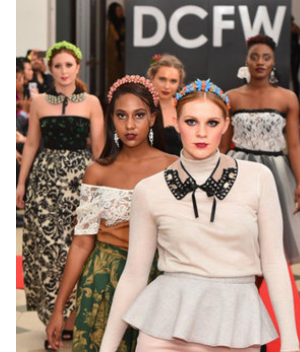
Citywide



[DC Fashion Week](#)

Journey to the cutting edge of fashion during this five-day fashion spectacle that features a new event each night. The week

closes out with an impressive International Couture Collections Show, as international designers present their latest and greatest creations. Friday features a menswear show, while Saturday's event serves as a showcase for emerging designers and indie artists.



[Schedule](#) | [Tickets](#)

Various locations



[Amy Schumer](#)

The reigning queen of stand-up comedy comes to DC this Friday night. Amy Schumer has a very successful HBO special and a critically acclaimed box office smash under her belt, but the laughs just keep on coming. Her latest release is in book form, entitled *The Girl with the Lower Back Tattoo*. Schumer's deadpan humor encounters a range of topics, from the raunchy to the extremely introspective and insightful. An evening with her will not easily be forgotten.

8 p.m. | [Tickets](#)

Verizon Center, 601 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20004

Saturday



▲ [Shawn Miller/National Book Festival](#)

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Library of Congress National Book Festival

Bookworms young and old should flock to the National Book Festival, an annual free event that celebrates books of all shapes, sizes and topics. Bring the entire family to enjoy the presence of dozens of acclaimed authors, as well as discussions, presentations and activities centered on the written word. Stephen King will open the proceedings at the main stage (free, but tickets required). Follow along with the fun through the #NatBookFest hashtag.

9 a.m. – 10 p.m. | Free

**Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place NW,
Washington, DC 20001**



▲ [Sam Kittner/Newseum](#)

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Museum Day Live!

This nationwide event hosted by *Smithsonian Magazine* promotes discovery and curiosity at many of the country's greatest museums. Simply [printing a ticket](#) allows you free entry to numerous paid museums [throughout DC](#), including the [National Museum of Women in the Arts](#), the [National Building Museum](#), the [Newseum](#) and the [Phillips Collection](#). Use hashtags #BoundlessCuriosity and #MuseumDayLive to share your awesome museum experiences on social media!

Various locations in DC

DC VegFest

Whether you're a vegetarian or not, this day-long event at The Yards in [Capitol Riverfront](#) will educate on why eating plant-based food is the way to go. You can enter and sample food from more than 130 vendors free of charge, while learning how to be more health-conscious. Other perks include a beer garden, live music, cooking demonstrations, presentations from authors and celebrities and an activity area for kids. Don't veg out – go to VegFest.

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Free admission

The Yards, 1st Street SE and N Street SE, Washington, DC 20003



Washington National Opera: 'The Marriage of Figaro'

One of the season's most highly anticipated operas comes to the [Kennedy Center](#) for a limited engagement. *The Marriage of Figaro* is Mozart's "sequel" to

Beaumarchais's *The Barber of Seville*,

following said barber as he attempts to get married. Comic mix-ups ensue, with Mozart's incredible music featured throughout, winding through a tale filled with temptation, forgiveness and love. The production is staged in Italian, with English subtitles projected.

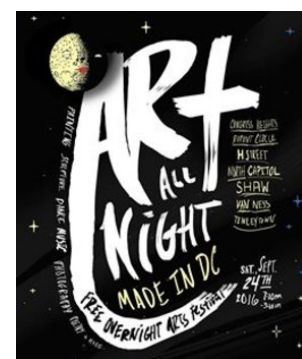
7 p.m. | [Tickets](#)

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20566



Art All Night: Made in DC

September is overflowing with all kinds of creative and historic events, so why not add an overnight arts festival into the mix? Yes, DC has that with *Art All Night: Made in DC*, which is spread over [seven neighborhoods](#). Art experiences don't get much more lavish



or expansive than this: Everything from painting to performing arts to music to sculpture will be showcased in both public and private spaces, indoors and outdoors. Visit the event [website](#) for artists, schedules and details.

7 p.m. – 3 a.m.

Various locations in DC



Old Ebbitt Grill's 4th Annual Craft BrewHaHa

[Old Ebbitt Grill](#) is kicking off [DC Beer Week](#) in grand style. Snag [tickets](#) (which are being sold through [The Hamilton Live](#)'s website) to the fourth annual Craft BrewHaHa, which features 20 craft beers from local breweries and restaurants and live bluegrass music. Participating breweries include DC Brau, 3 Stars Brewing Company and Flying Dog, while the restaurant list features Red Hen/All-Purpose, RPM Italian and Sixth Engine.

7:30 p.m. | [Tickets](#)

Old Ebbitt Grill, 675 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

Sunday



▲ [Georgetown Business Improvement District](#)

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DC Design Tours: Georgetown Walking Tour

[DC Design Tours](#) unveils the architectural wonders of the District, and few neighborhoods in the area possess as many beautiful buildings and sites as the historic [Georgetown](#). During this Sunday morning jaunt, visit a range of locales, including the C&O Canal, the Old Stone House, Georgetown University, the Tombs, the Georgetown Waterfront, Cady's Alley and much, much more. Few tours combine the historical with the aesthetic like this one, so book and enjoy.

10 a.m. | [Book](#)

Meet at Baked and Wired, 1052 Thomas Jefferson Street NW, Washington, DC 20007



▲ [Turkish Festival Washington, DC](#)

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Turkish Festival

Turkish cuisine, art and culture are the focus of this annual festival held on Pennsylvania Avenue. Thousands will attend to walk through the Turkish bazaar full of authentic art and crafts, sip on Turkish coffee, savor Turkish food (featuring numerous local vendors) and enjoy live music and folk dance performances. There will be plenty of activities for the kids to enjoy as well, all to cap off [Turkish Heritage Month](#). Step into another culture for a Sunday you won't soon forget.

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. | Free admission

Pennsylvania Avenue NW between 12th and 14th Streets NW, Washington, DC 20004



'The Little Foxes'

Starring Marg Helgenberger (*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*) and DC favorite Edward Gero (*A Christmas Carol*, *The Nether*, *The Originalist*), *The Little Foxes* promises to draw quite a bit of attention at [Arena Stage](#) this fall.

Helgenberger plays Regina Giddens, who plots with her siblings to take control of the local cotton mill. The schemes grow more and more dangerous, dividing the family to the point of no return. You think you know ruthless? Wait until you experience the characters in this spellbinding adaptation of the classic Lillian Hellman play.

2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. | [Tickets](#)

Arena Stage, 1101 6th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024

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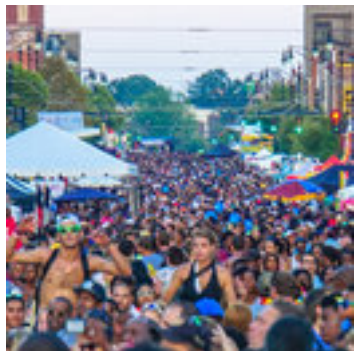
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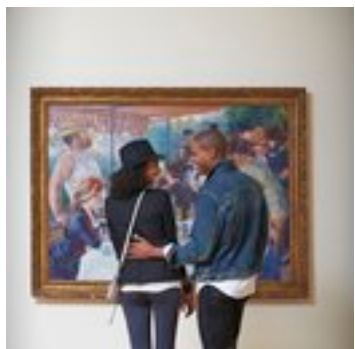


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