

::MUSIC::

SUPREME DIVA

Aug 16 Pop powerhouse Diana Ross returns to NJPAC for her 2013 North American tour. The onetime leader of the Supremes has sold more than 100 million records in a career spanning five decades. She has also decorated her shelves with a Tony, a Golden Globe, several American Music Awards and a Lifetime Achievement Grammy. Experience the diva as she spans the decades from the '60s to the present day with her timeless, soulful tunes. 8 PM; \$39.50 to \$149.50. 1 Center St, Newark (888-466-5722, njpac.org).



::FESTIVAL::

CLAWS AND HOPS

Aug 10^{The annual Cape May Craft Beer &}
Crab Festival is back for its second season. The Emlen Physick Estate will be transformed into a lively party venue featuring an array of regional and local craft beers and an endless parade of steamed crabs and crab cakes. A vintage circus, live music, craft vendors and farmers' market will add to the fun. 11 AM to 8 PM; free admission, 1048 Washington St, Cape May (609-884-5404, capemaymac.org).





::COMEDY::

SCHUMER, STANDING

Aug 23–25 From her beginnings as a contestant on NBC's stand-up audition show, Last Comic Standing, Amy Schumer has grown into one of the top names in contemporary comedy. Schumer, creator and star of Comedy Central's Inside Amy Schumer, is ready to tickle New Jersey's funny bone with her edgy quips and provocative humor. Must be over 15. 7:30 PM; \$25. Stress Factory, 90 Church St, New Brunswick (732-545-4242, stressfactory.com).

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BACKSTREET'S BACK

Aug 15 & 16 Having celebrated their 20th anniversary in April, the multinational tour that includes stops at PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel and Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden. Expect the dreamy '90s boy band to rock with songs from their latest album, In a World Like This. The show features guest performers Jesse McCartney and DJ Pauly D. Call or visit livenation.com for tickets. Aug 15: PNC, Exit 116, Garden State Parkway (732-203-2500). Aug 16: Susquehanna, 1 Harbour Blvd (856-365-1300).



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Aug 2-11 The New Jersey State Fair offers everything from monster-truck rides to a petting zoo. The 10-day extravaganza at the Sussex County Fairgrounds includes a horse show, crafters' corner, carnival and more. \$28 for adults. \$24 for kids. discounts for county residents. 37 Plains Rd, Augusta (973-948-5500, newjerseystatefair.org).

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Aug 9 Hide your watermelons-hammer-wielding prop comic Gallagher smashes into the Count Basie Theatre for his final area performance before he hangs up his Sledge-o-Matic for good. 8 PM; \$20-\$40. 99 Monmouth St. Red Bank (732-842-9000: countbasietheatre).

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Aug 17 Broadway belle Carter Calvert, acclaimed for her performances in It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues and Smokey Joe's Café, belts out selections from the Great American Songbook at the Algonquin Arts Theatre. 8 pm; \$20-\$38. 173 Main St. Manasquan (732-528-9211: algonquinarts.com).

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Aug 24-30 Experimental musicaltheater company Blue Man Group brings its latest live show to Caesars. The new spectacle is equal parts play, concert and sketch-comedy routine. 4, 8 and 9 pm; \$45-\$95. 2100 Pacific Ave, Atlantic City (609-348-4411; caesarsac.com).

26 28 Sun Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri

Aug 24 Enjoy a last hurrah on the beach at Wildwood's Summer Slam Sports and Music Festival. Hosted by 106.3 WJSE and arena football team Philadelphia Soul, the lineup includes Fuel, Hoobastank, Alien Ant Farm and more. Beer, soda and food will be sold alongside interactive rides and games for kids. 11 AM: free admission. Beach between Schellenger and Spencer avenues (800-992-9732, wildwoodsni.com).



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ART

NEW THIS MONTH

Grounds for Sculpture

Aug 8: Photographer Michael S. Miller leads guests on a photo walk, guiding participants with pointers on composition and perspective to help budding photographers hone their skills. A digital point-and-shoot camera or digital SLR camera is required. 10 AM-1 PM; \$45-\$60. 18 Fairgrounds Rd, Hamilton (609-586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org). &

Artists' Gallery

Aug 9 to Sept 1: Painters Charles David Viera and Eric Rhinehart work in acrylics and watercolors, respectively. Their work reflects the subtle beauty of everyday life and the serenity of nature. Fri-Sun, 11 AM-6 PM; call for prices. 18 Bridge St, Lambertville (609-397-4588; lambertvillearts.com).

SOMA New Art Gallery

Aug 24-Sept 22: Cape May native Stan Sperlak takes over the gallery with a solo show featuring portraits of the Jersey coast rendered in pastel. A reception with the artist will be held on the 24th. 10 AM-10 PM; call for prices. 31 Perry Street, Cape May (609-898-7488; somagallery.net).

Morven Museum and Garden

Apr 26-Sept 8: The works of Edward Boulton, Wyatt Eaton, Charles Freeman and others are assembled for "Coastal Impressions: Painters of the Jersey Shore," an exhibit that illuminates the work of artists who lived on and drew inspiration from the Garden State's coastline. Wed-Fri, 11 AM-3 PM; Sat and Sun, noon-4 PM; \$5-\$6.55 Stockton St, Princeton (609-924-8144; moreven.org).

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AUG 1-3

Stone Pony

Aug 2: A trio of alternative rock bands, Sugar Ray, Smash Mouth and Gin Blossoms, share the bill for the Under the Sun tour. 6 PM; \$39.50-\$45. 913 Ocean Ave, Asbury Park (732-502-0600; stoneponyonline.com).

Boardwalk Hall

Aug 4: Journey and Rascal Flatts team up for the first time since their genre-defying performance at the 2012 CMT Music Awards. The lineup also includes pop ingénue Cassadee Pope. 6:30 PM; \$57-\$151.50. 2301 Boardwalk, Atlantic City (800-736-1420; boardwalkhall.com).

PNC Bank Arts Center

Aug 4: Ozzy Osbourne, Tony Iommi and Geezer



::SPICY GIRLS::

Aug 29 Female rap crew Salt-N-Pepa was a trailblazer in the male-dominated world of '80s hip-hop. The Grammy-winning duo arrives at the State Theatre packing timeless hits like "Push It," "Shoop" and "Whatta Man." 8 PM; \$35-\$65. 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick (732-246-7469, statetheatrenj.org).

Butler have reunited for the return of Black Sabbath. Expect the iconic metal band to shred selections from its latest album, 13, 8 PM: \$89.50-\$129.50 117 Route 34, Holmdel (732-203-2500: livenation.com).

Mayo Performing Arts Center

Aug 8: Pedal steel guitarist Robert Randolph brings his distinctive mix of rock, funk and rhythm & blues to his hometown as he celebrates the release of his highly anticipated new album, Lickety Split. 8 PM; \$29-\$59. 100 South St, Morristown (973-539-8008; mayoarts.org). 🕹

The Prudential Center

Aug 8: Alternative rock quartet the Killers brings the Battle Born World Tour to the Brick City. 8 PM; \$35-\$75. 165 Mulberry St, Newark (201-507-8900; prucenter.com). &

Bergen Performing Arts Center

Aug 14: Southern-rock pioneers Lynyrd Skynyrd bring a sweet ol' taste of Alabama to the Garden State, 8 PM: \$79-\$149, 30 N Van Brunt St, Englewood (201-227-1030; bergenpac.org). 🕹

Count Basie Theatre

Aug 14: Soulful singer/songwriter Michael McDonald serenades with a mix of classic material and original compositions. 8 PM: \$35-\$99. 99 Monmouth St, Red Bank (732-8429000; countbasietheatre.org). &

The State Theatre

Aug 14: Reality-TV star and R&B diva Toni Braxton belts the ballads that made her a star. Special group discounts available, 8 PM: \$45-\$125. 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick (732-246-7469; statetheatrenj.org). &

AUG 18-24

Algonquin Arts Theatre

Aug 24: Broadway choreographer and dance captain Sara Brians recreates show-stopping numbers from hit productions including West Side Story, Sweet Charity and Billy Elliot. 7 PM; \$15-\$33. 173 Main St, Manasquan (732-528-9211; algonquinarts.com). &

AUG 25-31

Aug 30: Post-punk favorites Depeche Mode wow the Shore with the Delta Machine World Tour. The set list includes newer tracks in addition to Depeche Mode classics. 9 PM; \$85.50-\$155.50. 500 Boardwalk, Atlantic City (6090-572-6488; revelresorts.com).

STAGE

Avalon Players

Aug 1-4: Little Orphan Annie escapes the wretched clutches of Miss Hannigan and lands in the lap of luxury, thanks to billionaire businessman Daddy Warbucks in this production of Annie, Ir. Thurs-Sat. 7 PM: Sun. 5 PM: \$7-\$8. 32nd St and Ocean Dr, Avalon (609-967-7544; avalonplayers.org).

Cape May Stage

Aug 1-Sept 13: A French farce set in the swinging '60s, Boeing Boeing follows bachelor Bernard as he tried to avoid catastrophe when his three fiancées arrive in Paris at the same time. 8 PM; \$15-\$35. Bank and Lafayette streets, Cape May (609-884-1341; capemaystage.com).

Algonquin Arts Theatre

Aug 2-11: Take a trip down the Yellow Brick Road in this production of The Wizard of Oz. Call for times; \$15-\$33. 173 Main St, Manasquan (732-528-9211; algonquinarts.

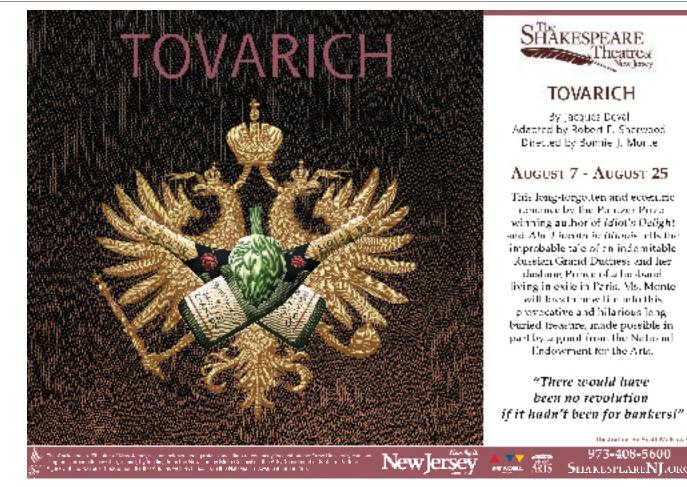
First Avenue Playhouse

August 2-22: Neil Simon's tender, romantic comedy, Barefoot in the Park, profiles the daily struggles and triumphs of newlyweds Corrie and Paul Bratter. Call for times; \$18-\$22.123 First Ave, Atlantic Highlands (732-291-7552; firstavenueplayhouse.com)

Paper Mill Playhouse

Aug 2-3: Swing Awakening marks the Paper Mill's season finale with a concert featuring 120 of New Jersey's most talented young performers. 1:30 and 7:30 PM. \$30-\$45. 22 Brookside Dr, Millburn (973-376-4343; papermill.org). &





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GetOut

AUG 4-10

Plays in the Park

Aug 7-17: Enjoy an evening of outdoor theater with this production of the Tony Award-nominated musical *Xanadu*. Based on the cult classic film of the same name, *Xanadu* follows the musical misadventures of the nine muses as they vow to inspire a struggling street artist. The box office is cash only. 8:30 PM; \$5-\$7. 1 Pine Dr, Edison (732-548-2884; playsinthepark.com).

Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey

Aug 7-25: Tovarich, an eccentric romance by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jacques Deval, concerns the story of an indomitable Russian duchess and her dashing husband, now exiled and living in Paris. Call for times; \$39-\$70. 36 Madison Ave, Madison (973-408-5600; njshakespeare.org). &

Our Gang Players

Aug 9-18: Dr. Seuss's most famous characters come alive in this production of *Seussical the Musical*. Horton the Elephant must overcome war, theft and the trial of the century to save the citizens of Whoville. Call for times; \$8-\$15. 1000 McKinley Ave, Manahawkin (609-489-8600).

AUG 11-17

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Aug 11-24: The playhouse celebrates summertime with the fourth installation of its annual musical revue, *The Great American Songbook*. Featuring a live orchestra offering pop hits from the 1940s through the 1960s. Mon-Sat, 11:30 AM; Sat, 6:30 PM; \$60-\$66.50. 88 Rt 173, West Hampton (908-730-8007; hhplayhouse.com).

AUG 18-24

Ocean City Theatre Company

Aug 23-24: Brush up on your hand jive; the 1950s are back, thanks to this ambitious production of the musical-theater sensation, *Grease.* 2 and 7:30 PM; \$13-\$15. 501 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City (609-525-9300; oceancity theatrecompany.com).

AUG 25-31

Surflight Theatre

Aug 28-Sept 8: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown follows a day in the life of Charles Schulz's endearing protagonist. 2 and 8 PM; \$45. Engleside and Beach avenues, Beach Haven (609-492-9477; surflight.org). &

COMEDY/SPOKEN WORD

The Borgata

Aug 24: The master of the deadpan delivery, comedian Jim Gaffigan, returns to Atlantic City. Gaffigan is best known for his Comedy Central specials "King Baby" and "Beyond the Pale," and recently released a new book of humorous essays, Dad is Fat. 7 and 10 PM; \$45-\$49.1 Borgata Way, Atlantic City (866-900-4849; theborgata.com).

Boardwalk Hall

Aug 31-Sept 1: Spend Labor Day weekend in stitches, thanks to the return of the Atlantic City Comedy Festival. Headliners include DL Hughley, Jay Pharoah and Gary Owen. 8 PM; \$45-\$80. 2301 Boardwalk, Atlantic City (800-736-1420; boardwalkhall.com).

FESTIVALS

Clamfest

Aug 1-4: Celebrate savory seafood as the Garden State's annual Clamfest surfs into Huddy Park. Clams (fired, steamed or on the half shell), crab, oysters, chowders and fish tacos are just some of the succulent treats awaiting festivalgoers. Call for times; free admission. Bay and Waterwitch avenues, Highlands (732-291-4713; highlandsnj.com).



::MISS CRUSTY::

Aug 7 Hermit crabs have their day in the sun at Ocean City's quirky Miss Crustacean Hermit Crab Beauty Pageant. The winner of the pageant receives the coveted Cucumber Rind Cup and gets to flaunt its bedazzled shell down the flower runway. 1 PM; free admission. 6th St Beach, Ocean City (609-525-9300, ocnj.us).

Ocean City Baby Parade

Aug 8: The 104th annual Baby Parade sashays down the Ocean City boardwalk, resplendent with themed costumes and floats. In addition to the parade, Ocean City's annual Twins Contest will be held at the Music Pier starting at 6 PM. Prizes will be awarded for most and least similar twins. 10:15 AM; free. Moorlyn Terrace and Boardwalk, Ocean City (609-525-9300).

Morristown Jazz and Blues Festival

Aug 17: The third annual festival features performances with jazz legend Bucky Pizzarelli, guitar virtuoso Johnny A, blues harpist Rob Paparozzi with the Hudson River Rats and more. Free; noon. Park Place and South St, Morristown (908-832-1020; townofmorristown.org).

KIDS

Camden Children's Garden

Aug 10-11: Celebrate the state's favorite summer fruit with crafts, a treasure hunt and a peachy concession stand. 1-4 PM; \$4-\$6. 3 Riverside Dr, Camden (856-365-8733; camdenchildrensgarden.org).

New Jersey Convention Center

Aug 23-24: Back-to-school shopping, workshops for teens, and a dance competition for parents and teachers are just a few of the events featured at the New Jersey Teen Expo. 10 AM-8

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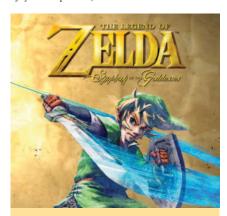
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PM; free. 97 Sunfield Ave, Edison (973-744-2592; njnyteenexpo.com).



::ZELDA!::

Aug 9 & 10 The cult-classic videogame Zelda gets a 25th-anniversary makeover at NJPAC for this performance, "The Legend of Zelda: Symphony of the Goddesses." Fans of the franchise will experience images from the original Zelda game with live accompaniment by the New Jersey Symphony and Montclair State University Vocal Accord. A costume contest, with prizes, will be held onstage prior to the performance. 8 PM; \$25-\$115. 1 Center St, Newark (888-466-5722, njpac.org).

ETC

Historic Smithville

Aug 10-11: The Company K, a historical reenactment troupe, recreates an authentic Revolutionary War-era military and civilian camp, complete with musket-firing demonstrations and marching drills. 10 AM; free. Smithville Rd, Eastampton (smithvillenj.com).

Old York Cellars

Aug 10: The vineyard hosts a Nature and Abstraction Watercolor Workshop, taught by artist Andrea Geller. Students will create abstract watercolor paintings inspired by the natural landscape. 9:30 AM-12:30 PM; \$55. 80 Old York Rd, Ringoes (908-284-9463; oldyorkcellars.com).

TOURS

Morning Beach Tour

Aug 2: Take a relaxing walk on the Brigantine beach and learn about the area's plants and animals and enjoy a seashell- and bird-identification workshop. 9 AM; \$5. Lagoon Blvd and Ocean Dr, Brigantine Beach (609-266-0538; mmsc.org/education).

Liberty State Park

Aug 10: Don a chest wader for a hands-on tour of the Liberty State Park Estuary. Wear old shoes that can get wet and muddy. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. 10 AM to noon; \$3. Morris Pesin Dr, Jersey City (201-915-3402; njparksandforests.org).