



SOCIETY & CULTURE

agenda

Clockwise from top left: The Prototype Festival will feature new arrangements of Amanda Palmer's music; Claudette is a participant in New York Restaurant Week; Dianna Agron is slated to croon at Café Carlyle; "Wave" by Takahiro Kondo, shown at The Winter Show through Joan B. Mirviss Ltd.; the *Desire of Flight* show at Big Apple Circus.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

By Maggie Mesbhi

1/1-27

Big Apple Circus

The magical showmanship experience extends its 41st season with new January dates. *VIP ringside tickets \$125-\$195, Lincoln Center's Damrosch Park, bigapplecircus.com*



1/5-13

Prototype Festival

The seventh annual festival of opera-theater and music-theater brings together 11 performances that combine the work of 32 lead artists, exploring themes of ethnicity, motherhood and mental health. *Premium PROTO Pack tickets \$240, across multiple venues, prototypefestival.org*

1/10-20

Shen Yun

The combination of colorful costumes, high-tech backdrops and a live orchestra make witnessing the rebirth of the lost

Chinese culture—unavailable even in China—a truly breathtaking experience. *Tickets \$80-\$300, David H. Koch Theater, shenyun.com*

1/15-31

Pelléas et Mélisande

Returning to The Met Opera stage for the first time in almost a decade, Claude Debussy's only opera, which centers around love and betrayal, is not to be missed. *Orchestra seats from \$85, Lincoln Center, metopera.org*

1/18-27

The Winter Show

The leading art, antiques and design fair in the United States celebrates its 65th year by highlighting an eclectic mix of works dating from ancient times through the present day. *Daily admission ticket \$25, Park Avenue Armory, thewintershow.com*

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NYC Restaurant Week

This semiannual occurrence is back to provide special

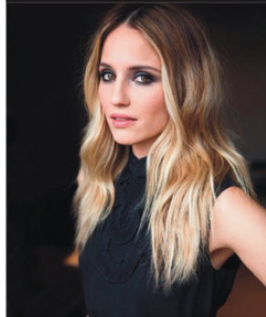
prix fixe meal deals at more than 380 of the city's fine dining hot spots such as Claudette, Augustine, Bar Primi, Black Barn and many more. *Three-course dinner tickets \$42, across multiple restaurants, nyego.com/restaurantweek*



1/22-2/2

Dianna Agron at Café Carlyle

The former *Glee* star returns to the legendary cabaret venue to pay tribute to her favorite female artists. *Premium seating from \$145, Café Carlyle, ticketweb.com*



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True West

Ethan Hawke and Paul Dano play two brothers scrutinizing

their relationship in the new production of this Pulitzer Prize-nominated drama. *Orchestra and mezzanine tickets \$59-\$159, American Airlines Theatre, roundabouttheatre.org*

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2/11

Williamstown Theatre Festival Gala

Tony, Grammy and Emmy Award winner Audra McDonald will host and perform at the gala including cocktails and a lavish dinner. *Premium table seat \$25,000, 583 Park, wtfestival.org*

2/12-5/10

Rigoletto

See Nadine Sierra in a role that launched her now-blossoming Met career in Michael Mayer's Vegas-themed production of Giuseppe Verdi's classic opera. *Grand tier seats from \$95, Lincoln Center, metopera.org*

2/13-2/4

The Sleeping Beauty

Featuring Tchaikovsky's score with opulent sets and costumes, this full-length show, requiring 100 dancers, is one of the grandest and most elaborate displays in the New York City Ballet's history. *Orchestra seats \$35-\$195, David H. Koch Theater, nycballet.com*

2/28-3/2

All Balanchine:**The Prodigal Son, Liebeslieder Walzer**

The dramatic story of sin and redemption is followed by a tender spectacle about love and affection. Although they contrast, these two pieces were choreographer George Balanchine's favorites. *Orchestra seats \$35-\$195, David H. Koch Theater, nycballet.com*

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