

# NEW YORK

## To Do: June 13–June 27, 2018

Twenty-five things to see, hear, watch, and read.

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### Art

#### **3. & 4. See [Daphne Fitzpatrick](#) and [Leilah Babirye](#)**

*Two women flying mighty flags of art.*

Two breakout shows for two breakthrough artists at one of the best new galleries in New York. Ugandan-born queer American artist Leilah Babirye makes powerful sculptural conglomerates from the near-at-hand and blazes with dimensional intelligence and deep heart. Longtime sculptural hero Daphne Fitzpatrick pushes her shamanic aesthetic harder into realms unknown and filled with force and delight. —Jerry Saltz

*Gordon Robichaux, 41 Union Square West, through June 17.*

## The Approval Matrix: Week of May 28, 2018

### HIGHBROW

Our paranoid commander-in-chief: "A lot of people are saying they had spies in my campaign ... That would be one of the biggest **insults** that anyone has ever seen."



Related: According to the *Boston Globe*, the president's tweet team intentionally includes **grammatical errors** to keep his "voice" authentic.

According to Gizmodo, sometime in late April or early May, Google dropped most "Don't Be Evil" references from its official code of conduct.

"Truth is **relative**," explains the president's clever lawyer Rudy Giuliani.

Security forcibly **removed** an AP reporter from an EPA water-quality event.

An annual Federal Reserve survey shows that 25 percent of not-yet-retired Americans have no retirement savings and 40 percent don't have **cash** on hand to cover a \$400 emergency.

Jeremy Irons's growling, **indecipherable** "American" diction in the Bristol Old Vic's production of *Long Day's Journey Into Night* at BAM.



The Rothko Chapel in Houston is **vandalized** with the message "It's okay to be white."



The Art Gallery of Ontario renames Emily Carr's 1929 painting **Indian Church** the sanitized-for-our-times *Church at Yuquot Village*.



PJ Mattan and Nicola Formichetti were called out for **copying** the design of part of their new furniture collection.



Oh, **wow**. Interview magazine, RIP.



Mugshots.com's business model allegedly turned out to be **extorting** people to get their mug shots taken down.

A **thirsty** tea café named itself MoMaCha, got sued by MoMA, and responded that the museum is not "truly famous."

Ibiza feels more like watching a **Snapchat story** than a movie.



Where's the **Bogart**-like cynic we loved in *Star Wars* in the prequel *Solo*?



R. Kelly boasts that "it's too late" to end his career over his alleged abusive behavior toward women because ... he's just too darn **talented**. ("I'mma inject these motherfuckers with this musical, beautiful motherfucking shit.")

Remember the **beach**? The city had to close it off from Beach 91st to Beach 102nd Street in the Rockaways because of sand erosion.

A highly contagious **puppy flu** shows up in Brooklyn.



The city's proposed plastic-straw ban seeks to destroy one of the **joys** of childhood.



Mario Batali's most **unappetizing** behavior.

David Hallberg and Natalia Osipova's **flirty** *Giselle* at ABT.



Philip Roth.



Leilah Babirye at Gordon Robichaux gallery.



iHola, "El-Space"! Design Trust and NYC DOT's pilot **oasis** under the Gowanus Expressway.



Paola Lázaro's **seething**, pugnacious addict in *Our Lady of 121st Street* at Signature Theatre.



Jim Holt's **convivial** book of essays *When Einstein Walked With Gödel*.



Sandy Hook parents sue InfoWars **conspiracy warlord** Alex Jones—who calls his site the "operating system of Trump"—for defamation.

Mark Adams goes to Alaska, so you don't **ever** have to, in his sprightly new travelogue, *Tip of the Iceberg*.

Narcissister's **very strange**, fantastic *Totem* at Jeffrey Deitch gallery.



The **bling feminism** of J-Lo and Cardi B's "Dinero" video.



Off-White includes a Manet print in its men's collection. Make a good **Impressionism!**



The Illustrious Blacks launch into **space** at Joe's Pub.



**Creepy**-beach-read AMBER Alert: Stephen King's got a new thriller, *The Outsider*.



... The same night **Janet** Jackson won the *Billboard* Icon Award.



It's officially company policy to allow you to loiter in Starbucks and not buy a thing (unless of course you interfere with the **"Starbucks Experience"** for others).

Sarah Silverman's profane and **humane** defense of her friend Louis C.K. in *GQ*.



**Summer playlist!** Charlie Puth's irresistible make-a-move track "Empty Cups" ...



... Years & Years' **zippy**, pseudo-angsty "If You're Over Me" ...



Instagram's mute feature (so you don't have to rudely unfollow your friend's tedious **selfies**, **kitties 'n' brunch** feed).



... And Popcaan's **breezy** "Body So Good."



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BRILLIANT

### LOWBROW