

The Scene A compendium of local arts & entertainment for the coming month

May we dance?

22 event picks for May in the Mid-Hudson Valley

by Zac Shaw

The mud is drying. The farm stands are opening. The events are going from a trickle to a flood. It's May in the Hudson Valley. Get your dancing shoes on, your art fashions donned, and raise your theater spectacles to a full month of merriment and adventure.

On May 2 at the Arts Society of Kingston, three new exhibitions open with a reception at 3 p.m. The centerpiece is Hazmat, a solo show by Stephen Olivier. The award-winning artist works at the intersection of Catholic guilt, queer identity, and self-reckoning, using painting and sculpture to build autobiographically.

There's a lot more going on for May 2nd. Arrowood Farms in Accord hosts the family-friendly Mulberry Jam on Saturday, May 2 from 2-8 p.m., featuring live music from Mystic Bowie's Talking Dreads, Andrea Maddox and the Hey Yalls, and Alessandra Gonzalez and Friends. Or check out a two-venue mini-music festival featuring Kingston bands on the recently released Get Your Round Out! compilation CD. Bands will switch off throughout the day and evening with sets between Tubby's and West Kill Supply. Proceeds go to People's Place. If you're more into rock, fun and soul covers, check out The Big Shoe at Keegan Ales at 8 p.m. The band consists of many players from the legendary local ska-funk band Perfect Thyroid, and they play everything from Michael Jackson to Foo Fighters.

John Doe and David Lowery bring decades of alt-rock history to Levon



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former project Smog) have earned him a reputation as one of America's most deadpan, least-sentimental, and genuinely brilliant songwriters.

Here's something you don't see everyday: an event that explores history through wild foods. At the Hudson River Maritime Museum, Wild Hudson Valley co-founders Anna Plattner and Justin Wexler take a look at how edible plants of the Hudson Valley connect past and present. Drawing on their work leading foraging walks, teaching classes on Northeastern Native land stewardship, and running a wild food CSA, local flora will be explored as both sustenance and historical record on May 12 at 7 p.m.

Lydia Luce plays the Avalon Lounge on May 13 at 8 p.m. Her recent album Florida Girl has been praised for its emotional realism and indie-folk flourish.

Pocket Merchant, a Hudson Valley jazz-fusion quartet that folds flute, saxophone, synth bass and drums into groove-heavy original compositions, will perform at The Local on May 13 as part of the Local Waves series curated by Mike Amari of Chosen Family and Wave Farm's WGXC. Bar and pierogi available; donations accepted at the door.

The Dutchess County Fairgrounds will host a Spring Fling Bazaar from May 15-17, where you can find home decor, garden items, furniture, handmade goods, local wines and spirits.

On May 16, A Groove Gathering heats up Lydia's Cafe in Stone Ridge

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Saturday, May 2 • 10am - 3pm Clothing Swap and Yard Sale Thursdays 3 - 4pm Singing Circle with Julia

VOS Gem Show Kingston Sat., May 2 and Sun., May 3 10-5, Mon., May 4, 10-2 Holiday Inn Express Kingston Lake Katrine, NY

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quintet through groove-minded covers of Stevie Wonder, Earth, Wind & Fire, Steely Dan and more. O+ Exchange in Kingston hosts David Wimbish (The Collection) with Jesse James Deonto (The Pinkerton Raid) on the same day, who will perform "intimate storytell-

ALMOST FLOYD An Evening of Pink Floyd Classics SATURDAY MAY 2ND SHOW STARTS AT 7PM Woodstock Playhouse

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Riedlbauer's Resort MAY 1ST - 3RD Golf Tournament Saturday: 18-hole golf scramble at Island Green.

Antique Fair and Flea Market May 2nd & May 3rd, 2026 Oct. 10th & Oct. 11th, 2026 at the Washington County Fairgrounds • Rte. 29, Greenwich, NY



Stephen Olivier's HAZMAT is on view in the Spotlight Gallery starting May 2.

ing, singing and playing toward hope and healing. Also May 16, check out the Round Top Community Yard Sale at Riedlbauer's Resort. It's a bargain-hunter's dream, and you can throw back a few cold ones

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in an Oktoberfest atmosphere.

The Falcon has an exciting show planned for May 17 at 7:30pm. Musical geniuses Snarky Puppy have rocketed to the top of the jazz-funk scene in recent years, and three players from the group have formed their own power trio consisting of violin, guitar and percussion. Brock, Lanzetti, Ogawa is not to be missed for fans of cutting-edge improvisation.

Sekanjabin brings Turkish-rooted folk fusion to Tempo in Kingston on May 24. This 11-plus-piece ensemble centers around Istanbul-based singer Gülin Çiloğlu. The band threads Turkish melodies through salsa, flamenco, reggae, calypso, cumbia and belly-dance rhythms, with violins, accordion, reeds, oud, bouzouki, percus-

sion and a rock rhythm section pushing the music toward the dance floor. The film that influenced maverick auteurs John Waters and David Lynch, Lucifer Rising, will screen May 24 at Orpheum Theatre in Saugerties. The kicker: It will get a live soundtrack by Constant Smiles, a musical collective that trends toward ambient pop and indie folk.

Feeling fancy? Hutton Brickyard's Annual Field + Supply Spring MRKT brings together hundreds of trendy vendors, live music, local eats, craft cocktails and family-friendly activities so you can make a day of it by the Hudson River. Admission is \$20 for a single day, but the event has earned its reputation as one-of-a-kind. If you've got money to spare, there are few more

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beautiful and unique ways to part with it at a local market experience. It runs three days, from May 29-31.

If you're looking for a dramatic live play with depth and humor, visit Shadowland Stages in Ellenville. Beginning May 29, performances of The Reservoir by Jake Brasch will leave audiences smiling and reflecting on this story of a young person battling addiction and memory loss while reconnecting with grandparents who themselves have fading memories.

On May 30, Center for Photography at Woodstock opens its inaugural Upstate Photography Biennial, a major group show spotlighting contemporary lens-based work from across the Hudson Valley. Later that evening, check out Grammy- and Academy-award-winner Ryan Bingham (he wrote "The Weary Kind" for the film Crazy Heart) at UPAC. The rancher-turned-odeo-artist-turned-songwriter is one of the tightest live country-Americana acts working.

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VOICE THEATRE voicetheatre.org Anton Chekhov's THREE SISTERS direction Shauna Kanter MAY 14-31 Bethany Hall Kingston

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