

DEEP DISH The Gotham Calendar

September [by Cristina Kinon]

Welcome back, Hamptons-goers! Fall forward with this nice little agenda to ease your transition into Gotham's (and *Gotham's*) cultural ways.

8 THURSDAY

Opera-For-All Festival

Starting tonight and lasting through the week, City Opera celebrates the start of another season. Enjoy musical highlights from the 2005–2006 season, or take in a performance of audience favorite *Madame Butterfly*; either way, you may end up paying only \$25 for a seat! *New York State Theater at Lincoln Square, 63rd Street and Columbus Avenue, 212-721-6500.*

9 FRIDAY

Fine Motor Auction and Luxury Lifestyle Expo

So you may not be able to afford that new Maybach, but it doesn't hurt to look, right? Check out more than 250 exotic rides, from classic roadsters to the newest luxury models, and who knows—maybe you'll find yourself bidding on that 1969 Dodge Charger (aka "The General Lee"). Brought to you by entrepreneurs Bradford Rand and David Workman, the weekend-long event will also display private jets, helicopters, and boats. See what it's like to really live the good life! *Piers 92 and 94, West Side Highway at 54th Street, 212-655-4505.*



11 SUNDAY

Last Day of the U.S. Open

Come see the best of the best grunt it out for the top title in tennis. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the men's champ is Andy Roddick—we already have our congratulatory "surprise" all planned. *Visit usopen.org.*

Sixth Season of Cantatas in Context

As part of the St. Bartholomew's Church "Great Music" series, today's special performance is dedicated to the victims of 9/11. Conducted by Mary Dalton Greer, a Bach scholar, the Orchestra of St. Luke's and the New York



Baroque Soloists will illuminate your cantata world. *St. Bartholomew's Church, Park Avenue and 51st Street, 212-378-0248; stbarts.org.*

12 MONDAY

How Sweet It Is!

As if *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* wasn't enough to satisfy your sweet tooth, Peter

Anton presents the most finger-licking-good sculptures in his food series: supersize chocolates, ice cream bars, Danish, and other hedonistic treats. It's *that* time of the month. *Hammer Galleries, 33 West 57th Street, 212-644-4400; peteranton.com.*

Martha, Martha, Martha!

Grab your TiVo and set it to *Martha*—the Doyenne of Domesticity is back! In her first nationally syndicated daytime show premiering today, M.S. will tackle subjects such as cooking, crafting, collecting, gardening, and home design, as well as chat up "movers, shakers, and headline-makers." We've already signed up for our tickets, how 'bout you? *Visit nbc.com for more information.*

13 TUESDAY

Elaine Stritch at Home at the Carlyle

What a commute! Ms. Stritch just hops on the elevator to get to her job—her first solo cabaret show at the Carlyle (she lives upstairs). Check out her performance, and all that jazz. *Café Carlyle at the Carlyle Hotel, 35 East 76th Street, 212-744-1600; thecarlyle.com.*

14 WEDNESDAY

"Treasures of the Titans: 1900–1950"

Want to know how the other half lives? The "Treasures of the Titans" exhibition displays a plethora of objets d'art owned by very powerful people, including Coco Chanel's 1932 platinum-and-diamond Chanel Etoile brooch; Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens' Medal of Freedom award; and General George S. Patton Jr.'s ivory-handled "Peacemaker" Colt pistol. We're waiting for the 2000 exhibit—here's hoping it displays J.Lo's first two engagement rings! *The Forbes Galleries, 62 Fifth Avenue, 212-541-9459; forbesgalleries.com.*

She's Having a Baby

Congratulations to Loreal, our most favorite hostess at Michael's, who is expecting the stork's arrival any minute.

