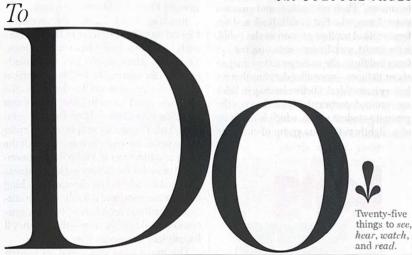


The CULTURE PAGES



JULY 3-17

MUSIC

### 1. Listen to Charm

Feel something.

Clairo Records, July 12.

On her third album, singer-songwriter, multiinstrumentalist, and Lorde collaborator Clairo works with venerable New York soul producer Leon Michels to craft wistful, nostalgic tunes like lead single "Sexy to Someone." CRAIG JENKINS

TV

#### 2. Watch Me

Thank God for screen time.

Apple TV+, July 12.

It's "Oh no, what do I do with these kids?" season, and it's especially the season of "Oh no, how do I make these kids watch anything other than YouTube?" Apple TV+ has some of the better choices for older kids looking for live-action adventure TV, and its newest option is Me, a coming-of-age sci-fi series about a kid who can change what he looks like. The metaphor is blunt, but a little on-the-nose storytelling about maleable identities and staying true to yourself never hurt bored tweens. KATHRYN VANARENDONK

#### 3. Read The Anthropologists

Lovers in a strange land.

Bloomsbury, July 9.

After years of living together in a country that's foreign to them both, Asya and Manu have decided to buy an apartment. Their loose but tender connections to the city—dinners with an elderly neighbor, a handful of minor friendships—are just enough to keep them there, even as they worry about their aging parents back home. The

Turkish writer Aysegül Savas's third novel is a romance, an immigration story, and an openhearted manual for living.

MOVIES

#### 4. See A Cross the Universe

What can't Charli XCX do?

Roxy Cinema, July 2 and 3.

In addition to releasing an album, *Brat*, that has secured her place as the queen of summer, Charli XCX programmed a film series that closes out with a screening of this 2008 doc following French electronic-music duo Justice through the utter chaos of a North American tour at the peak of their fame.

ALISON WILLMORE

THEATER

#### 5. See cunnicularii

Somebunny to love.

Alchemical Studios, through July 13.

Nina Goodheart directs Sophie McIntosh's strange fable about the wildness of motherhood in which a woman gives birth to a bunny rabbit and things only get hairier (hare-ier?) from there.

SARA HOLDREN

ART

#### 6. See Deborah Brown

Shadow play.

Plato, 202 Bowery; through August 3.

For decades, Deborah Brown has happily labored away at paintings of color-drenched cityscapes and nature subjects. Here, she zeroes in on her home city of New York, giving us detailed scenes of markets, streets, trinket shops, and all the jigsaw texture that makes up our mad gorgeous metropolis. Her shadow image stands in for her

always-watching observational presence.

JERRY SALTZ

MUSIC

# 7. Go to Soundsof Detroit: Celebrating50 Years of J Dilla

Motor City in BK.

Herbert Von King Park, July 12.

A star-studded cast of boom-bap luminaries— Detroit alt-rap pioneers Slum Village, their L.A. contemporaries the Pharcyde, and influential DJs Breakbeat Lou and Rich Medina—gather in Bed-Stuy to celebrate the life and work of Motor City hip-hop titan J Dilla. c.J.

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#### 8. Watch Sunny

For that Severance-shaped hole in your life.

Apple TV+, July 10.

This series, adapted from Colin O'Sullivan's novel *The Dark Manual*, looks just odd enough to match Rashida Jones's specific comedic vibe. She plays an American living in Japan whose husband and son disappear in a plane crash. As she searches for answers, she's given Sunny, a robot designed by her husband. You're not surprised this is an A24 joint, are you?

ROXANA HADADI

PODCAST

## 9 Listen to Embedded: Supermajority

Absolute control.

NPR and Nashville Public Radio.

Meribah Knight (*The Kids of Rutherford County*) unspools the effects of one-party rule through the story of what happened to three conservative Tennessee women when they broke from the state Republican Party's stance on gun control after a school shooting.

NICHOLAS QUAH

MUSIC

#### 10. Hear The JACK Quartet

New music al fresca.

Madison Square Park, July 17.

Delicate string instruments can rebel against wood-warping heat and humidity. Still, the indomitable JACK Quartet braves weather, urban noise, and oblivious passersby to play a beefy outdoor program of music by Gabriella Smith, Caroline Shaw, and two of its own members (plus Ruth Crawford Seeger's 1931 String Quartet).

JUSTIN DAVIDSON

TV

#### 11. Watch The 2024 ESPYS

When the host of the show is also the GOAT.

ABC, July 11,

ESPN's annual awards show celebrating the year's most memorable achievements in sports will be hosted for the first time by tennis great Serena Williams. Will she make any reference to her

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