

SEPTEMBER *must list*

MUST READ

JONATHAN PORRETTA BOOK LAUNCH

9/10 Pacific Northwest Ballet's (PNB) Jonathan Porretta grew up gay, lonely and bullied in a small New Jersey town. Find out how that experience drove him to follow his dreams and become the graceful, confident principal dancer he is today when Porretta and veteran Seattle arts reporter Marcie Sillman reads from her new book, *Out There: Jonathan Porretta's Life in Dance* (\$45). The coffee-table book also includes stunning pictures by photographer and former PNB soloist Angela Sterling. *Capitol Hill, Elliott Bay Book Company, 1521 10th Ave.; 206.624.6600; elliottbaybook.com*



PNB dancer
Jonathan Porretta

10th

MUST HULA

LIVE ALOHA HAWAIIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

9/11 Loosen those hips and bring your appetite for this fun festival, where you can experience the sights, sounds and tastes of the islands. Enjoy traditional dance and music, then join the fun with hula, ukulele and slack-key guitar workshops. There's also the chance to sample authentic Hawaiian food, including poke, shave ice and—for the ambitious—a musubi-eating contest. *11 a.m.–7 p.m. Free. Seattle Center, Armory area, 305 Harrison St.; seattlelivealohafestival.com*



Bring walking shoes and costumes to Luminata, a lantern parade

MUST GLOW

17th

LUMINATA

9/17 It seems like only yesterday we celebrated summer at the Fremont Solstice festival. Now it's time to ring in a new season at the Fremont Arts Council's follow-up fall equinox event, Luminata. Gather in the area around the pier at Green Lake Park, where the night will be aglow with a lantern parade, fire dancers, illuminated art, blinking LED costumes and more. *Free. 7 p.m. Green Lake, Green Lake Park, 7201 E Green Lake Drive N; fremontartscouncil.org/facevents/luminata*

MUST NERD OUT

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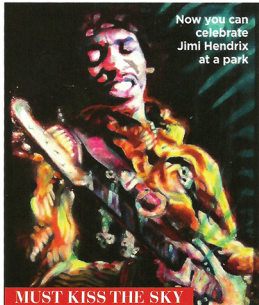
9/17-9/18 Head to the EMP Museum to explore the inventions of more than 100 local techies and tinkerers. Browse exhibits and demonstrations that highlight and celebrate the process of making things, including robotics, electric vehicles and wearable art, and get a sneak peek of what could be the future of Seattle. *Prices vary. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Seattle Center, EMP Museum, 325 Fifth Ave. N; makerfaireseattle.com*

MUST VISIT

24th

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

9/24 The mountains are calling, and you must go—and on this day you can go for free. Of Washington state's 400 National Park Service properties, 127 of them—including Olympic and Mount Rainier national parks—usually have an entrance fee, which is waived on National Public Lands Day. Lace up your hiking boots and get out to explore our great outdoors. *nps.gov*



Now you can celebrate Jimi Hendrix at a park

MUST KISS THE SKY

JIMI HENDRIX PARK

After a decade spent in a "Purple Haze" of planning and construction, Jimi Hendrix Memorial Park is finally welcoming the public. Located adjacent to the Northwest African American Museum in the Central District, where Hendrix grew up, the 2.5-acre park celebrates music with rainwater canopies that produce natural sound, a performance shelter and guitar-shaped walkways inscribed with Hendrix's lyrics. *Central District, 2400 S Massachusetts St.; jimihendrixparkfoundation.org*
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