



# For science!

The World Science Festival is back to prove that the rules of the universe are *so* much cooler than you think. By *Dorkys Ramos*

**IF THE MERE** mention of science conjures visions of napping through high school classes, wake up! World Science Festival, celebrating its 10th anniversary, returns Tuesday 30 with a week of exciting talks, exhibits, performances and fascinating reasons science is flippin' sweet.

"Science is the most powerful tool for figuring out how reality works, and so it holds our future in its hands," says festival cofounder Brian Greene. "Like art, music and literature, science greatly enriches human life, and the World Science Festival is dedicated to giving [everyone] a place to experience, explore and celebrate that profound impact."

The fest kicks off with *Time, Creativity, and the Cosmos*, a gala show featuring Greene, musicians and modern dance company Pilobolus (*Jazz at Lincoln Center, Tue 30 at 7pm; donation based*). On

June 2, head to the American Museum of Natural History for a mummy-themed trivia night complete with free drinks and science experts on hand (*6-9pm; \$49-\$100*). Also on June 2 is "Hidden Figures No More! Heroines of Space Science Past, Present and Future," which explores the role of pivotal female scientists in



space exploration (*NYU Global Center Grand Hall, 8-9:30pm; \$20-\$100*).

Want to experience science on the cheap? Times Square plays host to *Holoscenes*, a performance installation inside a 12-ton glass aquarium that floods and drains, causing the performers inside to react to the changing levels of water (*June 1-3 6-11pm; free*). Stargazers can peer at the moon and Jupiter during *Saturday Night Lights* in Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 1 (*June 3 7-11pm; free*), and gadget lovers can play with hovercrafts, underwater rovers and other awesome gizmos at events like *Ultimate Science Sunday* (*NYU Kimmel Center for University Life, June 4 10am-6pm; free*).

Who knows? Maybe you'll find your inner Bill Nye!

→ The World Science Festival is Tue 30-June 4 at various times and prices ([worldsciencefestival.com](http://worldsciencefestival.com)). Various locations.



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In Central Park, many statues provide a look at history, but only one provides a glimpse into the future. A tucked-away regal griffin awaits your discovery near Strawberry Fields. You'll know it when you see it: It's an exact replica of the proud bird hybrid that marks the entry to Hogwarts Headmaster Albus Dumbledore's office in the movies. Say the password, "Iumos," and it will reveal a portal to a literally underground sneak preview of the attractions soon to come at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter: New York (opening in 2018)! The griffin confiscates phones before entry, so please plan ahead.

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