The Winning Eric Adams

Beloved from East Brooklyn to Billionaires’ Row, he is poised to be the most powerful mayor in decades. Who is he?

By David Freedlander
MOVIES

1. See Spencer
A devastating portrait.
In theaters November 5.
The most pedigreed of the latest incarnations of Princess Diana onscreen—including Jeanne de Waal in the misbegotten Diana: The Musical and Emma Corrin and, soon, Elizabeth Debicki on The Crown—is Kristen Stewart in the new film from Pablo Larrain, which focuses on Diana during the 1991 holidays. The real marvel is the way the film works as a bookend to Larrain’s 2016 Jackie, another portrait of a woman caught up in the image-making required to create, or maintain, the idea of royalty.

2. Watch Love Life
Good-bye for now, Darby.
HBO Max, October 28.
The second season of this rom-com anthology series shifts from Anna Kendrick’s Darby to a distant member of her social circle, William Jackson Harper, a married guy who finds himself craving on another woman, played by Jessica Williams.

3. Listen to Kid A Mnesia
Radiohead's game-changers hit their 20s.
XL Recordings, November 5.
In celebration of their pivotal early-aughts albums Kid A (2000) and Amnesiac (2001), Radiohead is re-releasing them along with a third disc of session material as Kid A Mnesia. The package features

CLASSICAL MUSIC

4. Hear Seth Parker Woods and Andrew Rosenblum
Woods’s 92Y debut.
Works by Schumann and Mendelssohn alternate with those of Black composers, including George Walker’s lyrically gymnastic Cello Sonata, a movement from Florence Price’s Piano Sonata, and the light, songful phduckings of Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson’s “Calvary Ostinato.”

ART

5. See Travis Boyer
Fantastic fungi.
False Flag, 11-22 44th Road, Long Island City, through November 15.
Boyer’s groovy, gently pery fingi paintings, on dyed silk velvet, are tucked away in a garage-based gallery, usually open weekends. Their effect is more of a microcosme—delightfully mood-lifting and colorful—than a heavy trip.

THEATER

6. See The Securely Confirmed, Vouchedfor Keepsakes of Maery S.
Do the monster mash.
Chocolate Factory Theater, October 31.
Sibyl Kempson’s experimental epic, a collage-play-film, Frankenstein’s narratives about Mary’s

TV

8. Watch Dickinson
Last bow for Hailee Steinfeld’s Emily.
Apple TV+, November 5.
Because you could not be a guide to Death, this time is to stop for the gloriously bizarre series’ final season, with the young poet confronting the Civil War.

BOOKS

9. Read The Dawn of Everything
David Graeber and David Wengrow’s new past.
 Farrar, Straus and Giroux, November 9.
This nonfiction study presents pre-state societies as an alternative to the violence and inequalities of civilization. Epic in ambition, it’s the final work of the late David Graeber, an anthropologist and leading Occupy figure.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

10. Hear Leonidas Kavakos and Yuja Wang
Two soloists come together.
Carnegie Hall, November 4.
Fuses must blow and lightbulbs satter when these two get in a room to rehearse. Kavakos’s program tracks Bach’s traces through the music of Busoni and Shostakovich.

POP MUSIC

11. Listen to I Don’t Live Here Anymore
The War on Drugs’ fifth studio album.
Atlantic Records, October 29.
Adam Granduciel makes wrenching rock music with thought-provoking lyricism and a loose psychedelia. In I Don’t Live Here Anymore, dense instrumentation collides with gossamer synths and chilly drum programming.

MOVIES

7. See The Souvenir Part II
The Cannes audience roared in applause.
In theaters October 29.
Joanna Hogg’s semi-autobiographical films are sharp enough to wound. 2019’s The Souvenir was a clear-eyed rendering of Hogg’s days as a film student who falls in love with a man she doesn’t realize is a heroin addict. Its sequel picks up with Hogg avatar Julie (Honor Swinton Byrne) looking to find her way as an artist by making work about the relationship and trying to see it, and herself, from the outside.

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12. Watch Dexter: New Blood

Premium cable's favorite serial killer is back in what has been dubbed a "special event" series. A decade has passed since Dexter Morgan (Michael C. Hall) went missing, and he's trying to distance himself from who he used to be. But (no spoilers) reminders of his former existence have a way of creeping into the picture.

13. See Indigenous Liberation

This intertribal production by the Native American and Canadian collective Indigenous Enterprise presents (and contextualizes) work like the Ojibwa Jingle Dance, the Blackfoot Chicken Dance, and the Omaha Grass Dance, demonstrating both the virtuoso footwork and gorgeous regalia of a half-dozen traditions from all over Turtle Island.

14. See The Last Duel

Ridley Scott's epic—about the last sanctioned duel in medieval France—is his most entertaining movie in decades. Ben Affleck steals the show as a flamboyant, callow playboy count.

15. Listen to Operator

Before Pornhub.

16. Listen to Hushed and Grim

Mastodon's first double album.

17. Watch Big Mouth

Let's talk about animated middle-school babies.

18. Hear New York Philharmonic

A famed conductor is back in style.

19. Listen to Valentine

In time for sad-girl autumn.

20. See Becoming Cousteau

Aboard Calypso.

21. Watch Taste the Nation: Holiday Edition

Thanksgiving, Nochebuena, and more.

22. See Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg

Wagner's comedy returns to the Met stage.

23. See Diane Severin Nguyen

Titled "If Revolution Is a Sickness."

24. Watch Yellowstone

Season four.

25. Listen to In Plain Sight

A sophomore album.

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