

# What to Do in New York City in September

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*Looking for something to do in New York? Catch Bruce Springsteen performing near his hometown, experience Helen Sung's crisp swing or take your kids to see vulture sculptures in the Bronx.*

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## Comedy



Helen Sung will lead a large ensemble in works by Horace Silver this weekend at Dizzy's Club. Joseph Boggess

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## Helen Sung: Going Big, Band & Beyond

Sept. 1-3 at Dizzy's Club, 10 Columbus Circle, Manhattan;  
[2023.jazz.org/dizzys-club](https://2023.jazz.org/dizzys-club).

The Houston-born pianist Helen Sung plays with crisp swing and elegant invention, her rhythms drawing from the music's deepest blues roots — and setting listeners' heads bobbing — while she explores her own fresh ideas, often inspired from her classical training. (Her sparkling 2021 album, "Quartet+," paired a jazz combo with the strings of the Harlem Quartet, a fit that was natural and illuminating.)

This weekend's concerts find Sung and a large ensemble celebrating the birthday of the hard-bop hero Horace Silver (1928-2014), whose music embraced blues, gospel and R&B with jazz sophistication. Exemplifying the soul-jazz and Blue Note sounds of the 1950s and '60s, Silver, too, caused heads to bob, with beloved tunes like "Señor Blues," "The Preacher" and the epochal "Song for My Father" — all hard-swinging, crowd-pleasing and perennially cool. Sung is presenting new arrangements of Silver classics for a 16-piece band, drawing on her time spent in the Mingus Big Band and Clark Terry's final big band.

