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Twenty-five things to see, hear, watch, and read.

OCTOBER 11-25

TV

1. Watch The Fall of the House of Usher

Edgar Allan Poe, reimagined.

Netflix, October 12.

Mike Flanagan's shows are as much a Halloween tradition as trick-or-treating. This spooky season, the writer-director modernizes Poe's famous short story for the post-COVID, opioid-afflicted era with ensemble regulars (Carla Gugino, Henry Thomas, Kate Siegel) and some newcomers (Mark Hamill, Mary McDonnell) in the cast.

JEN CHANEY

MOVIES

2. See Anatomy of a Fall

Sandra Hüller is the queen of this season.

In limited theatrical release, October 13.

Justine Triet's thriller, winner of this year's Palme d'Or, is about an author, played by Sandra Hüller, who's on trial for the murder of her husband, who died by falling off their house. Hüller, who's getting awards buzz for *The Zone of Interest*, is so very good as a woman who finds the state of her marriage being prosecuted because the evidence itself is inconclusive.

ALISON WILLMORE

ART

3. See Joe Fig

Profound experiences of art.

Cristin Tierney Gallery, 219 Bowery; through October 21.

For more than two decades, Joe Fig has been creating homages to art and artists in his meticulous miniatures of Jackson Pollock or Chuck Close in their studios or, as he is here, small paintings of people looking at art. See a viewer up close to a big Brice Marden work as a guard looks on or two

people contemplating a large Joan Mitchell dip-tych, both amazed.

JERRY SALTZ

THEATER

4. See Stereophonic

We are the champions, my friend.

Playwrights Horizons, opens October 6.

After Will Butler left Arcade Fire in 2021, he said it was "time for new things." Now, Butler has written the songs for a musical by David Adjmi about a mid-'70s rock band on the seductive and dangerous verge of big-time fame. The cast is killer, the music has cred; we're excited to see how it plays out.

SARA HOLDREN

TV

5. Watch House of Villains

Get ready to root against everyone.

E!, October 12.

Prepare to shiver at this list of names: Tiffany Polard, Omarosa, Jax Taylor, Johnny Bananas, Spencer Pratt. E! compiles reality TV's "most iconic and infamous supervillains under one roof" to compete in silly games, drink too much, compare criminal histories for clout, and hang out in the genre-mandated pool. The winner gets \$200,000, and Joel McHale (host of *The Soup* for 11 years) oversees this house of horrors.

ROXANA HADADI

MUSIC

6. Go to Mutant; Destrudo

Merging forms.

Park Avenue Armory, October 11 through 15.

DJ-singer-songwriter-producer Arca, 33, has worked on songs with Frank Ocean, Björk, and FKA Twigs while cultivating a stunning catalogue

of dance music. Catch Arca fresh off a spot DJ-ing on Beyoncé's *Renaissance* tour with this alluring audiovisual presentation.

CRAIG JENKINS

DANCE

7. See Balanchine

Ballet masterworks.

Koch Theater, October 12 through 15.

New York City Ballet's 75th anniversary continues to sizzle with renewed energy featuring the company's beloved principals, Tiler Peck, Taylor Stanley, Roman Mejia, Sara Mearns, and emerging superstar India Bradley. The fall season wraps with all Balanchine masterworks, including *Prodigal Son*.

WENDY GOODMAN

TV

8. Watch Lessons in Chemistry

From the lab to the kitchen.

Apple TV+, October 13.

This Brie Larson-led show set in the 1960s looks, feels, sounds like (and is!) an adaptation of one of those books you've definitely seen on a Hudson Booksellers endcap while running to gate A27. Larson plays a chemist who battles misogyny in order to achieve her goals. Some of the lessons learned, astonishingly, are less about chemistry and more about life.

KATHRYN VANARENDONK

MUSIC

9. Hear Tenet Vocal Artists

Early music in a church.

St. Luke in the Fields, October 21.

Henry Purcell was a master of celebrations, and his scores mix reverence, sensuality, and exuberance. Tenet, a collective of early-music veterans directed by Jolle Greenleaf, builds a program called "Angels and Queens" around an irresistible work with the inviting title *Welcome to All the Pleasures*.

JUSTIN DAVIDSON

MOVIES

10. See Once Within a Time

A fairy tale told without words.

IFC Center, starts October 13.

Godfrey Reggio, who transformed cinema with *Koyaanisqatsi*, is back with this 50-minute experimental film about childhood, nature, knowledge, and the apocalypse. And it co-stars Mike Tyson!

BILGE EBIRI

BOOKS

11. Read The Future Future

An experimental confection.

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, October 17.

In revolutionary France—or so it seems—a socialite becomes the subject of best-selling pamphlets claiming to expose her sex life. The public's obsession puts her at grave risk, and her much older husband doubts her innocence. Adam Thirlwell's gleefully anachronistic novel hops through time at a dizzying pace.

EMMA ALPERN