

Swing Dancing in Queens, Free Dancing at Ailey

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The Ailey Extension's Ticket-to-Dance program offers anyone with an Ailey ticket stub a free class where methods like the Horton technique, above, might be taught.

If the darker nights have you missing the long days of summer, you don't have to hide inside. Instead you can head to the Bohemian Beer Hall in Queens, where a little denial and a lot of jive have meant the extension of its Sam Adams Summer Sunday Swing nights through the winter. This week the Solomon Douglas Swingtet will keep things jumping from 7 to 10 p.m. Free swing lessons are open to everyone, but the free drinks are only for those hep cats and kittens decked out in zoot suits or other period threads. (29-19 24th Avenue, Astoria, Queens; 718-274-4925, bohemiannahall.com; \$5 cover charge.)

If you prefer to cut a more modern rug, you can try a free class at the Ailey Extension. Its Ticket-to-Dance program allows anyone with an Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater or Ailey II ticket stub purchased this season to participate in one of 80 classes offered at the Midtown Manhattan studio. That includes a special "Revelations" class, where students can learn choreography from the company's signature piece. The season begins on Wednesday at City Center. The free class is available for a year from the date of your ticket stub. (For performances: 212-581-1212, nycitycenter.org; for more information or to register for classes: 212-405-9500, alvinailey.org.)

On Monday, Jamie Hook, a filmmaker and the founder of the O.C.D. Lecture Series (as in "Open City Dialogue"), a bimonthly discussion for the manic in all of us, presents a lecture for the meta-obsessive. The artist and filmmaker Brent Green will speak about his effort to recreate, room by room, the "healing house" of Leonard Wood, the subject of Mr. Green's stop-motion film, "Gravity Was Everywhere Back Then," about Mr. Wood's consuming quest to build a healing house for his dying wife. (7:30 p.m., Pete's Candy Store, 709 Lorimer Street, at Richardson Street, Williamsburg, Brooklyn; 718-302-3770, petescandystore.com; free.)

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