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By Katie Butler

THROUGH 5/6

Jack Whitten: Earlier Works Exhibition

Whitten's works have dazzled New York's Museum of Modern Art, found a home in museums in Italy and Belgium, and now make their way to the Bivins Gallery in Uptown. Take a peek at Whitten's exhibition *Earlier Works*, showcasing his abstract paintings and thought-provoking style. bivinsgallery.com

THROUGH 5/30

Texas Modernists at Roughton Galleries

Featuring Texas modernists of the 20th and 21st centuries, this exhibit will make you think. Housed in the 44-year-old gallery, paintings by Margaret Putnam, Otis Huband, Mark Lavatelli and Dan Rizzie offer a modern twist to the Dallas art scene. *Uptown, roughtongalleries.com*

5/4

Bryan's House Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show

"Everyone has special needs": The motto that the nonprofit Bryan's House lives by as it works to serve children suffering from HIV/AIDS. Attend its spring luncheon and fashion show, featuring Runway of Dreams fashion designer Mindy Scheier, who creates clothing for all children. *Tickets from \$125, 3015 at Trinity Groves, Oak Cliff, bryanshouse.org*

5/6-7

Cottonwood Art Festival

A springtime activity perfect for the entire family? Look no further because the semiannual Cottonwood Art Festival continues its 48-year run as the place for families to go for music, art from more than 240 artists and enjoying the summer weather. *Sat., 10AM-7PM, Sun., 10AM-5PM, Cottonwood Park, Richardson, cottonwoodart-festival.com*

Off the Rails Country Music Fest

You'll find Miranda Lambert, Justin Moore, Rodney Atkins, the Turnpike Troubadours and Dierks Bentley all in one place at this year's Off the Rails festival. Dust off your cowboy boots and get ready to line dance the night away.

Two-day VIP tickets \$900, Toyota Stadium, Frisco, offtherailsfest.com



5/12

TACA Party on the Green

Chaired by Tia and Katherine Wynne, TACA Party on the Green is the perfect foodie event. Dozens of acclaimed chefs will prepare gourmet dishes to sample while you sip on libations—all to support TACA. Entertainment includes award-winning international cellist Michael D. Fitzpatrick, late-night concert favorite Studio 54 and more. *6:30PM, VIP tickets \$500, Sammons Park at the AT&T Performing Arts Center, taca-arts.org*

5/19-21

Taste of Addison

Experience a wealth of cuisines at the annual Taste Addison. The city's favorite restaurants come together for three days of music, children's activities and a full menu from popular eateries from 6PM until midnight. Bring an appetite. *Tickets from \$15, Addison Circle Park, tasteaddisontexas.com*

5/21

Dallas/Fort Worth Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk

Help fight lung cancer while reaching your daily step count at the Free to Breathe Walk. All proceeds from the event will be donated to Free to Breathe, a lung cancer research organization. *6:15AM, registration from \$15, Oak Point Park Amphitheater, Plano, freetobreathe.org*

5/22

John Legend Featuring Gallant

With his smooth vocals and stunning piano skills, this 10-time Grammy-winning artist's visit to Dallas is a must-see concert. John Legend's tour *Darkness and Light*, named after the title of his fifth studio album, visits North Texas at the intimate Verizon Theater. *7:30PM, tickets from \$62, verizontheatre.com*

From top: A Jack Whitten original; get wine and dine at the TACA Party; find plenty of thrills at Taste of Addison; the vocal styling of John Legend is music to our ears!