

# DEPARTURES

## Culture Calendar: August 2015

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What to do, watch, and see this month.

### August 15–16: 10th Annual Jazz Age Lawn Party

Flappers and dapper gentlemen converge on New York's Governors Island for this [send-up of the Roaring Twenties](#). The weekend-long festivities (sponsored by St. Germain French Elderflower Liquor) will feature performances by Michael Arnella and the Dreamland Orchestra, dancing, food, and Prohibition-era inspired cocktails—like the Boathouse Punch, with lemon, orange, grapefruit, Aperol, and St. Germain. There's also displays of antique gramophones, a Charleston dance contest, and an exhibit of cars from the Gatsby age. *From \$35; 646-543-8699; [jazzagelawnparty.com](#).*

### August 16: HBO's *Show Me a Hero* Debuts

A hotly anticipated new miniseries from *The Wire*'s David Simon begins showing on HBO this month. [Show Me a Hero](#), based on Lisa Belkin's book of the same name, is a story about the mayor of Yonkers, New York, in the 1980s as he confronts a court order to build low-income housing in a white section of Yonkers. The show stars Winona Ryder as

a member of the city council and Catherine Keener as a local homeowner.

### August 20–23: Eat Drink SF

San Francisco's [annual food and drink](#) event returns to the Bay Area with an all-star list of local restaurateurs, chefs, and wine experts. [The Slanted Door](#)'s Charles Phan and chef Elizabeth Falkner will kick off the festivities on August 21, while tastings of Pinot Noirs, Syrahs, Chardonnays, and Sicilian wines will take place throughout the weekend. Visitors can also look forward to classes on how to analyze wine and proper cocktail techniques, as well as a taco competition. *From \$30; 2 Marina Blvd.; [eatdrink-sf.com](#).*

### August 21: Lily Tomlin Takes the Lead in *Grandma*

In her first leading role since 1988, Lily Tomlin plays Ellie, a grieving poet who has recently lost her long-term life partner. In the wake of this loss, she accompanies her pregnant 18-year-old granddaughter on a hunt through L.A. to find the money needed to get an abortion. Marcia Gay Harden, Judy Greer, and Laverne Cox also star. *Grandma* originally premiered in January at Sundance to much fanfare.

### August 31: U.S. Open

All eyes turn to Serena Williams at this year's [U.S. Open](#) in New York. After her recent win at Wimbledon, Williams will be competing to become the first tennis player since 1988 to win all four major titles in one calendar year. A win at the U.S. Open would also put her one step closer to breaking records for U.S. Open singles titles and Grand Slam titles. *From \$70; Arthur Ashe Stadium, Flushing Meadows Corona Park; 1-866-673-6849; [usopen.org](#).*

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