

NEW YORK X
ENCOUNTER

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Metropolitan
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to the public and
free of charge.

No registration
is required.

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Something to Start From

We are at the end of an epoch and we feel the need to rediscover our identity and somehow start again. But, having abandoned traditions, challenged norms, and rejected authorities, we are left with nothing but ourselves to make sense of it all. With no blueprint, the present is full of unease and the future appears enigmatic.

We are uncertain of the meaning of our lives, and so often feel confused, alone and isolated. Our collective days are filled by the pressures of success and conformity, along with the fear of being left behind. Failure seems irredeemable, mercy impossible. So, we often look for scapegoats or ways to escape. But tribal belonging or artificial realities are poor substitutes for the certainties we have lost.

At the same time, this very unease reveals *something* in us. *Something* that feels the lack, aches for meaning, and recognizes the truth, like a tuning fork vibrating for its single, unmistakable note. *Something* that makes us long to be looked at, listened to, understood, forgiven, valued just because we exist. *Something* that perceives a promise even within these challenging times and urges us to respond, to say "Here I am!", to seek justice, to build anew. An innermost, irreducible, decisive core marked by a stubborn expectation.

**"Has anyone ever promised
us anything? Then WHY do we
expect something?"**

— Cesare Pavese

Join us on February 15-17, 2019 for a weekend of public discussions, exhibits and live performances to explore this *Something* and encounter people who face life aware of this expectation.



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | 6:00 pm

- **6:30 pm | A Blossom in the Desert**
The stubborn expectation of the human heart: witnesses from Aleppo, São Paulo, Nairobi, and New York
- **9:00 pm | A Love Supreme**
An evening of music featuring compositions by jazz legend John Coltrane, performed by **Sam Dillon** (tenor sax), **Andrea Domenici** (piano), **Billy Drummond** (drums), and **Fabrizio Sciacca** (bass)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 9:30 am

- **10:00 am | The Human Pursuit of Business**
What makes a job interesting and a company successful
Speakers:
 - × **Paul Chibe** | President and CEO of Ferrero North America
 - × **William Linton** | Founder and CEO of Promega Corp.
 - × **Anujee Sareen** (moderator) | Portfolio Manager, Brandywine Global
- **11:30 am | An Epidemic of Loneliness**
Living, dating, and dying in a time of isolation
Speakers:
 - × **Kerry Cronin** | Associate Director of the Lonergan Institute at Boston College
 - × **Emily Esfahani Smith** | Author
 - × **Marcie Stokman** (moderator) | Founder of the Well-Read Mom reading group
- **2:00 pm | “Do not be afraid to set your sights higher” (Pope Francis)**
Discovering Pope Francis’ vision for a new evangelization
Speakers:
 - × **Fr. Julián Carrón** | President of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation
 - × **Austen Ivereigh** | Writer and Journalist
 - × **Seán Cardinal Patrick O’Malley, OFM, Cap** Archbishop of Boston
 - × **Fr. José Medina** (moderator) | U.S. coordinator of Communion and Liberation
- **4:00 pm | Beyond the Moon ... to the Farthest Reaches**
The search for planets outside our Solar System
Speakers:
 - × **Jonathan Lunine** | Director, Cornell Center for Astrophysics and Planetary Science
 - × **Karin Öberg** | Professor of Astronomy, Harvard University
 - × **Massimo Robberto** (moderator) | AURA Observatory Scientist at the Space Telescope Science Institute
- **6:00 pm | An Irreducible Expectation**
A conversation on the Encounter’s theme
Speakers:
 - × **David Brooks** | *New York Times* Editorialist
 - × **Fr. Javier Prades** | President of the University of San Damaso, Madrid
 - × **John Zucchi** (moderator) | History Professor, McGill University
- **9:00 pm | Island of Peoples**
A multimedia concert with voices from Ellis Island
Project by **Gabriele Vanoni**, with **Ensemble/Parallax** (**Peyman Farzinpour**, Artistic Director) and **Malo Lacroix** (Video Art) | **World Premiere**
Tickets: \$10/Open seating

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 | 8:30 am

- **9:00 am | Memorial Mass for the 14th anniversary of Msgr. Luigi Giussani’s death**
Celebrated by **Archbishop Christophe Pierre**, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, with the choir of **Communion and Liberation**, directed by **Christopher Vath**
- **11:00 am | The Education of the Heart**
Re-thinking education at the end of an epoch
Speakers:
 - × **Jon Balsbaugh** | President of the Trinity Schools Network
 - × **Stanley Hauerwas** | Professor Emeritus of Divinity and Law, Duke Divinity School (video contribution)
 - × **Archbishop Christophe Pierre** | Apostolic Nuncio to the United States
 - × **Holly Peterson** (moderator) | Principal of Nativity: Faith and Reason School in Broomfield, Colorado
- **2:00 pm | Something is Happening Here**
A presentation on Bob Dylan, the man and his music
Speakers:
 - × **Robert George** | McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Princeton University
 - × **Richard F. Thomas** | George Martin Lane Professor of the Classics, Harvard University
 - × **Annemarie Bacich** (moderator) | Educator and Curator of the exhibit
- **4:00 pm | A New Beginning. Life in the Aftermath of a Massacre.**
Witnesses on the Sandy Hook massacre
Speakers:
 - × **Fr. Peter Cameron, OP** | Director of formation of Hard As Nails Ministries
 - × **Dawn Ford** | Educator, survivor of the Sandy Hook massacre
 - × **Jenny Hubbard** | Mother of Catherine Violet, murdered in the Sandy Hook massacre
- **5:30 pm | “Born to never die”**
The life of the Servant of God Chiara Corbella
Speakers:
 - × **Enrico Petrillo** | Chiara’s husband
 - × **Angelo Carfi** | Chiara’s medical doctor
 - × **Amy Hickl** (moderator) | Associate Principal, Notre Dame Academy Elementary School, Los Angeles
- **7:30 pm | A Singing Heart**
Final night of celebration and songs with the Encounter volunteers

SHOW PRESENTATION

Saturday, February 16, 12:45 pm | 2nd Floor

**Island of Peoples:
Looking Back and Smiling Forward**

- Speakers:**
- × **Diana Pardue** | Chief, Museum Services Division, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
 - × **Gabriele Vanoni** | Assistant Professor, Berklee College of Music, and Composer of *Island of Peoples*



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 2nd Floor

The Something Series: The Heart in Action

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

● **3:00 pm | Character: Something to Start From?**

A presentation with

Jackie Aldrette | Managing Director of AVSI USA
Anne Snyder | Director of The Character Initiative at The Philanthropy Roundtable
Timothy Hermann (moderator) | Member of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations

● **7:15 pm | Poetry: The Language of Human Longing**

A presentation by **Paul Mariani**, Poet

● **8:15 pm | "When I cannot sing my heart, I can only speak my mind"**

Presentation by **John Waters**, Writer, on rock and roll as a quest for the Infinite

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

● **1:00 pm | "I just happen to love ordinary things"**

A presentation by **Francis Greene**, Art Historian, on Andy Warhol's realism and the religious sense

**POETRY CONTEST
AWARD CEREMONY**
Saturday, February 16
8:00 pm | 2nd Floor

**SCHOOLS CONTEST
AWARD CEREMONY**
Sunday, February 17
12:00 pm | Ground Floor

EXHIBITS 5th Floor

The Kindness of Science

Takashi Nagai, Giancarlo Rastelli, and Cicely Saunders three masters in medicine who valued their patients until the very end, because of their existence
Presentation: February 15, 7:45 pm | 2nd Floor

Lost in the Cosmos: The Last Self-Help Exhibit

A mind-blowing, interactive, possibly controversial, yet eye-opening exploration of the "Something in us" through the lenses of Walker Percy's *Lost in the Cosmos*
Presentation: February 16, 5:15 pm | 2nd Floor

Something is Happening Here

Bob Dylan, the man and his music
Presentation: February 17, 2:00 pm | Ground Floor
at the event: **Something is Happening Here**

"From my life to yours"

 Ground Floor

An exhibit by high school students on Fr. Luigi Giussani, founder of Communion and Liberation
Presentation: February 16, 1:15 pm | 2nd Floor

GUIDED TOURS

Guided tours for each exhibit will be available every day. Please check the Encounter's website for scheduled tour times.

Who we are, our mission, our ideals

New York Encounter (the Encounter) is an annual three-day public cultural event in the heart of New York City.

The Encounter strives to witness to the new life and knowledge generated by the faith, following Pope Benedict XVI's claim that

"the intelligence of faith has to become the intelligence of reality."

In pursuit of this goal—and according to St. Paul's suggestion to "test everything and retain what is good"—the Encounter aims to discover, affirm, and offer to everyone truly human expressions of the desire for truth, beauty, and justice. The Encounter thus becomes a meeting point for people of different beliefs, traditions, and cultures striving for reciprocal understanding, shared building, and true friendship.

Through a vast array of conferences, artistic performances, and exhibits, the Encounter is both a dwelling place and a point of departure for men and women wishing to live fully and to promote a society of truth and love.

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