

# CULTURE INDEX

A COMPENDIUM OF WHAT'S IN PLAY NOW

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## Jake's on Stage

Get up close and personal with Jake Gyllenhaal on September 20 when he makes his U.S. stage debut, playing a rootless, brokenhearted rogue in the comic drama *If There Is I Haven't Found It Yet*, at Manhattan's Laura Pels Theatre.

### ...and six other cultural To-Dos

- 1 Jay-Z curates Philadelphia's **Made in America music festival** with a big-tent sensibility: There's rock (Pearl Jam), rap (Jay-Z), soul (D'Angelo), dance (Skrillex) and—if Jay-Z gets his way—maybe even a cameo from the world's most famous Al Green tribute act: Barack Obama. *September 1–2*
- 2 Hailed as Gen-X's Salman Rushdie and dismissed as a pretentious bore before she even turned 30, Zadie Smith now gets to just be an obscenely talented novelist. Her **NW: A Novel** (Penguin)—one of the year's most anticipated literary events—is a class-conscious tale set in her native northwest London. *September 4*
- 3 Sundance or Cannes may be more of a scene, but the best place to build up, sniff out or tamp down Oscar buzz is at the **Toronto International Film Festival**, where major studios and indie filmmakers from all over the world screen 300-plus movies each year, including dozens of premières. *September 6–16*
- 4 You can see dangerously fast, breathtakingly beautiful, wildly impractical automobiles race recklessly through the streets of Italy anytime, but only once a year do they officially call it the **Formula One Italian Grand Prix** (at the Monza National Race Track, just north of Milan). *September 7–9*
- 5 One of Europe's more innovative, unfussy art scenes shows its colors at the **Art Berlin Contemporary**, a themed sales exhibition—meaning browsing is cool (but buying is way cooler)—featuring 150 new works by up-and-comers, plus exhibits from architects, filmmakers, publishers and urban planners. *September 13–16*
- 6 And you thought E3 and CES were the ultimate electronics happenings! At the **Tokyo Game Show**, almost 200,000 hard-core gamers, programmers and other species of unabashed nerds descend on Chiba, Japan, to get their first shot at upcoming video games and gadgets. *September 22–23*