ON EXHIBIT

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Art at Union

If you visit the Union College campus next week, you can watch artist Georgie Friedman create a video work in the Peter Irving Wold Center.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friedman will be installing “Slippery Slope” in a second-floor atrium with the help of Union students.

A North Carolina artist, she uses photography, sound and the physics of light in her works. At 12:55 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, there will be a reception, followed by an artist’s talk, and the artwork will be on exhibit through November 2016.

While you are on campus, be sure to make a stop at the Nott Memorial, where two exhibits are opening this Saturday.

On the second floor, in the Mandeville Gallery, you’ll see “Recurrent,” the works of six artists who explore the concept of repeating objects or shapes. This repetition is different than a pattern, in which a combination of elements or shapes appears in a recurring and regular arrangement.

Many artists, including Sol Lewitt and Andy Warhol, were fascinated with repetition. That show runs through April 10.

Above the Mandeville, in the third-floor Winkoff Student Gallery, the winter exhibit is “LIFE as Art: Digital Prints by Arielle Singer.”

A sophomore at Union, Singer uses the cover design of LIFE magazine to re-visit historic events and digitally alter photos from the magazine’s pages. Her work is also a commentary on current events, such as the Syrian refugee crisis.

Cave at MASS MoCA

Get ready to see more Nick Cave in 2016. In October, the American fabric sculptor, dancer and performance artist will be taking over MASS MoCA’s Building 5, the gallery that’s the size of a football field.

Called “Until,” Cave’s installation will be an immersive environment made of millions of beads and found objects.

The title “Until” is a play on the phrase “innocent until proven guilty,” as the artwork will be Cave’s commentary on gun violence, gun control policy, race relations and gender politics in America today.

As a prelude to his Building 5 debut, Cave, a former Alvin Ailey dancer, will give a talk in MASS MoCA’s Hunter Center on Tuesday, April 12. Tickets are $5 and you can buy them at www.massmoca.org.

Treasures at the Tang

Saturday is the last day to see “Affinity Atlas” at Skidmore College’s Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery.

(The Tang is closed today and Friday.)

One of The Gazette’s top 10 exhibits for 2015, this show connects people, places and ideas from across history and continents with a treasure trove of 40 odd and interesting objects and artwork, some of it from the Tang’s own collection.

There’s a Navajo rug, a Toltec stone carving, works by Dorothy Dehner, Fred Wilson, Nancy Grossman, Richard Pettibone and a hairy-looking “Soundsuit.” Made of twigs, it was designed by Nick Cave as a dancer’s costume but looks a bit like a Wookiee from “Star Wars.”

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

TODAY

MUSIC

BERKSHIRE BACH SOCIETY ENSEMBLE — “Bach at New Year’s.” 6 p.m., Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Great Barrington, Mass. $15-$35. 413-528-0100.

Country

NEW YEAR’S EVE COUNTRY COUNCIL — Featuring Skeeter Creek, 9 p.m., Proctors GE Theatre, Schen. $40. 346-6204.

Jazz

GEORGE GIROUX — 6:30 p.m., Prime at Saratoga National, Saratoga Springs. 583-4653.

THE JAZZ CONNECTION — 7 p.m., Provence, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany. 699-7777.

JEANNE O’CONNOR & AZZAAH HAMEED — 9 p.m., The Crown Grill, Saratoga Springs. 583-1105.

JOEY THOMAS BIG BAND — New Year’s Eve celebration, 7 p.m., The Stockade Inn, Schen. $89.95. 346-3400.

Pop/Rock/Blues

THE ALCHEMISTS — The Bear Nuttin Band and LeSperal. 8 p.m., Pearl Street Clubroom, Northampton, Mass. $15. 413-586-6886.

JON CLEARY & THE ABSOLUTE MONSTER GENTLEMEN — 9 p.m., Club Helsinki, Hudson. $15-$20.

ENTER THE HAGGIS — And Dicky Riley. 7 and 10 p.m., Iron Horse Music Hall, Northampton, Mass. $30. 413-586-9886.

HUDSON RIVER MUSIC HALL ROCKIN’ NEW YEAR’S EVE — 6 p.m., Charles R. Wood Theater, Glens Falls. $35. 798-9663.

RANDY LOREN, CARLA PAGE & ELAINE WILLIAMS — New Year’s Celebration, Randy Loren’s Dolce Vita, Schen. With dinner, $130 per couple ($70 single); bar only, $25. 457-3324.


SLOW BURN — 8:30 p.m., Watervliet Elks, 501 4th St. 237-9878.

FAIRS/FESTIVALS


LAST NIGHT CELEBRATION — Family friendly activities, hayrides, music, countdown to midnight at village clock. Buttons & maps available from 4-9 p.m., 47 Main St. Fort Plain. $10. 993-4271.

FAMILY


“CELEBRATION OF SOUNDS & WHALE TALES” — With Educator Truemaster Trimmingham. 2 p.m., New York State Museum, Albany. 474-5877.

NEW YEAR’S MID-DAY CELEBRATION — Music, dance, games and crafts, 1-3 p.m. (countdown at 3 p.m.), New York State Museum, Albany. 474-5877.

“TRAITS AND TOYS” — 9 a.m.-5 p.m., mich, 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schen. $5; additional $3 for planetarium. 382-7890.

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