Design Philadelphia, KRS One, Night of Lights, and Monster drinks in this week’s ‘Things to Do’

By Tonya Pendleton · October 7, 2021
Amid COVID uncertainty and varying mandates in the Delaware Valley, fueled by the delta and other newer variants, most events are requesting proof of vaccination and returning to mask mandates. Since the situation remains fluid, scheduled events may be rescheduled or canceled as regulations change, so be sure to check with venues and be aware of ticket return/refund policies beforehand.

**Design Philadelphia**
Remember last year's Kickoff Party vibe? A sold out Cherry Street Pier filled with interactive installations, sleek fashion, and lots of design-savvy people everywhere?!? We are creating that same vibe virtually this year, so join us on Oct 7 with @remixliving and recent @archdigest darling Dominique Calhoun hosting the party. https://bit.ly/3ijC5YD

SPONSORED BY: @paralleledge
Organizers say that Design Philadelphia is the oldest event of its kind in the U.S. The 12-day event incorporates over 80 workshops, panel discussions, hands-on maker events, social gatherings and more, in-person and online, that incorporate all elements of design from industrial to fashion. Some highlights include “Redefining the Workplace in a Hybrid World,” “The Black Design Experience in North Philadelphia” and “To Build a More Perfect Union: Architecture and Democracy.”

**What:** In-person festival

**Where:** Center for Architecture and Design, 1218 Arch St., Philadelphia, Cherry St. Pier, various venues

**When:** Through Oct. 17

**How much:** Various price

### Indigenous People’s Day Celebrations

![Image of Indigenous People’s Day celebration](https://whyy.org/articles/design-philadelphia-krs-one-night-of-lights-and-monster-drinks-in-this-weeks-things-to-do/)

Dancers from the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape tribe join hands with spectators at the Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebration at Penn Treaty Park in Philadelphia. (Kimberly Paynter/WHYY)

Earlier this year, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney declared the second Monday of October to be Indigenous People’s Day. In the Delaware Valley, there are three celebrations over the holiday...
weekend. The Museum of the American Revolution celebrates Indigenous people all weekend long with a series of events, including talks, a film, and a gallery that can also be accessed online about the Oneida Indians. On Sunday, Bartram’s Garden is hosting Indigenous People’s Day with music, dance, speakers, and more, starting at noon. And in Fishtown, Philadelphia’s Indigenous People’s Day celebration takes place on Monday starting at 11 a.m.

**What:** Holiday celebrations honoring Indigenous Americans

**Where:** Various venues

**When:** Through Monday, Oct. 11

**How much:** Free

**Fall Festivals**

It’s October and that means festival time. There are more than a few going on in the Delaware Valley, including the Fall Into the Arts Festival starting at noon on Saturday at Smithbridge Road Park in Glen Mills, which marks the end of Delco Arts Week. Paoli’s ticketed Oktoberfest Main
Line is a family-friendly version of the generally beer-soaked event, with a dog costume contest as part of the fun. It also starts at noon on Saturday. Philly’s FunktoberFest is an all-day beer and music festival at Attic Brewing Company with a special performance by Arthur Thomas and the Funkatorium. It kicks off at 1 p.m.

**Peace Week Delaware**
After the events of the last year, both external and internal peace has been elusive. Peace Week aims to improve peace with a variety of events encompassing social justice and personal equilibrium. To that end, there are in-person and online workshops, spiritual gatherings, film
screenings, and mindfulness and meditation classes. The week culminates with a March for Justice from West 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard to Rodney Square.

**What:** Community-based initiative to help Delawareans find more peace

**Where:** Various venues

**When:** Through Sunday, Oct. 10

**How much:** All events are free and open to the public

**Camden County History Month**
Camden County, New Jersey has a rich and varied history that many may not know much about. Camden County History Month hopes to change that. Over 70 events will take place at more than 30 historic sites. Sites hosting special programming include the Walt Whitman House, the
Haddon Heights Historical Society, the Gabreil Daveis Tavern Museum, the Camden Shipyard and Maritime Museum, and the Barclay Farmstead Museum.

**What:** History-themed events

**Where:** Various venues

**When:** Through Oct. 31

**How much:** Various prices

**Night of Lights 2021**

*Chestnut Hill* continues its run of community events with an art installation/festival that runs for 11 days. “Night of Lights” showcases the history of the area with lighted art installations projected on buildings in the 8000 block of Germantown Ave., while also offering varied free and ticketed ‘experiences’ throughout the week. Opening night festivities kick off with a reception at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, a speakeasy is scheduled for Saturday night at the Mermaid Inn, and a cocktail party is on tap for Sunday.

**What:** Art installation with related ‘experiences’

**Where:** Germantown Ave. between Highland and Willow Grove

**When:** Friday, Oct. 8 – Sunday, Oct. 17
**How much:** Some events free, others ticketed

**“A Holy Show”**

In this Inis Nua theater production, an Aer Lingus flight is about to take off from Dublin, Ireland to London. On board are a host of different characters, from a couple on their honeymoon to a grandmother traveling to meet her new grandchild, to a nervous woman who's never flown before. Unfortunately for her, this flight will end up in the headlines as the production is based on the real-life hijacking of Aer Lingus 164. Liam Mulshine and Rachel Brodeur play all twenty characters in the one-act play.

**What:** In-person theater

**Where:** Louis Bluver Theater at the Drake, 302 S. Hicks St.

**When:** Through Sunday, Oct. 24

**How much:** $15 – $30

**Alec Benjamin**