Wednesday, London

A film festival in London

For 12 days in the middle of October, British Film Institute is hosting the 58th London Film Festival, a collective screening of more than 300 new independent and major films across 17 theaters in London. In addition to theater premieres, the festival will host a number of red-carpet events, like galas for David Ayer’s new World War II film “Fury,” starring Brad Pitt, and the Cannes Film Festival’s 2014 Palme d’Or winner “Winter Sleep.”

Venues across London, bfi.org.uk.

Wednesday, Cincinnati

A photography biennial in Cincinnati

More than 50 exhibitions of contemporary photography comprise the FotoFocus Biennial, a citywide celebration. This year’s event includes six shows curated by the art historian Kevin Moore and features works by photographers from Vivian Maier to David Benjamin Sherry. More than 33 participating venues will show photos in conjunction with FotoFocus, which runs until Nov. 1.

Venues across Cincinnati, fotofocuscincinnati.org.
Thursday, New York

The design world takes Manhattan

The architecture and design magazine Dwell is hosting its first Dwell on Design exposition in New York following a string of successful runs in Los Angeles. For its East Coast iteration, more than 5,000 design experts will gather at 82 Mercer Conference Center to showcase their works through installations and public seminars from Thursday until Saturday. Ticketholders will also have the opportunity to tour a sampling of homes, including “Orange is the New Black” star Alysia Reiner’s Harlem townhouse.

82 Mercer Conference Center, 82 Mercer St., New York, dwellonlinedesign.com.

Thursday, New York, London and Tokyo

A limited-edition Calvin Klein capsule for men

Calvin Klein has partnered with Dover Street Market on a men’s capsule collection to debut at the fashion emporium’s New York, London and Ginza locations. The three new pieces set for release — a bomber jacket and two sweatshirts, including an exclusive pullover reading “Escape” in the same font as the brand’s fragrance — will be available in a special installation alongside pieces from the fall/winter 2014 collection.

doverstreetmarket.com

Thursday, New York

A transatlantic cook-off at Eataly

In a playful pitting of old world versus new, the international chef organization Identità Golose is hosting a series of cooking demonstrations between seven Italian and seven American chefs at Eataly. Featured luminaries include Mario Batali and Italian star chef Davide Scabin.

200 Fifth Ave., eataly.com.

Thursday, New York

An art auction (of nudes) for charity

The New York Academy of Art’s Take Home a Nude auction at Sotheby’s gives art buyers the chance to acquire works while also supporting the institution. More than 750 luminaries from the art and fashion worlds are expected to attend, and each of their purchases will help fund the academy’s scholarship programs. Brooke Shields will be co-hosting this year’s event as an “honorary muse,” and the 150 plus pieces of art up for auction include works by Laurie Simmons and Vito Acconci.

1334 York Ave., nyaa.edu.
Friday, New York

The first major U.S. show of a groundbreaking art collective
Beginning in the late '50s, the German art collective Zero sought to transform the creation and display of art by focusing on process over product; its influence presaged such movements as Minimalism and Land art. The Guggenheim Museum is hosting the first major U.S. retrospective of the group, "Zero: Countdown to Tomorrow, 1950s-'60s," which includes art by founding members Heinz Mack, Otto Piene and Günther Uecker as well as their international affiliates like Yves Klein and Yayoi Kusama.

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, 1071 Fifth Ave., guggenheim.org.

Correction: October 6, 2014
An earlier version of this post misstated the name of an event. It is New York Academy of Art's Take Home a Nude auction at Sotheby's, not Sotheby's Take Home a Nude auction. It also misstated the opening date of Dwell on Design. It is Thursday, Oct. 9, not Wednesday, Oct. 8.