

The Hot List

FIVE COOL THINGS TO DO, BUY, AND SEE THIS MONTH.
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1 {SHOP OP} > CALL OF THE WILD

Take a walk on the vibrant side with the collaboration from JCPenney and Duro Olowu, a Nigerian-born fashion designer based in London. The boldly patterned, limited-edition collection includes clothing, accessories, and home goods like these graphic mugs (\$8 each). The best part: Everything is less than \$100 (jcp.com).

2 {DREAM TICKETS} > JOIN THE PARTY GET OUT OF TOWN FOR A FEW DAYS AND CHECK OUT ONE OF THESE FUN AND UNIQUE FESTIVALS:



South by Southwest (Austin, TX; March 8-17)

This 10-day event features concerts, comedy acts, independent movie screenings, and Q&As with actors and directors (above), as well as an emerging-technology forum showcasing cutting-edge products, apps, and video games. (From \$650; sxsw.com)



The 8th Annual Jazz in the Gardens (Miami Gardens, FL; March 16-17)

Rhythm and blues, jazz, soul, and gospel come together for this concert-filled weekend. The lineup includes performances from Ne-Yo, Monica, Fantasia, New Edition, and Earth, Wind & Fire. (From \$45; jazzinthegardens.com)



The Southwest Chocolate and Coffee Fest (Albuquerque, NM; March 23-24)

Sample goodies from nearly 100 chocolatiers, coffee roasters, and confection creators. Plus, view cooking demos and even enter a baking contest. (\$10; chocolateandcoffeefest.com)

3 {MUST-SEE TV} > DRAMA FROM DOWN UNDER

If you love mysteries, you definitely won't want to miss the seven-part miniseries *Top of the Lake*, which premieres Monday, March 18, at 9 p.m. EST on the Sundance Channel. Co-directed and -written by Oscar winner Jane Campion, the story follows a gutsy but



inexperienced detective (played by *Mad Men*'s Elisabeth Moss), who investigates the disappearance of a 12-year-old girl. Haunting and gritty, this New Zealand-based whodunit will keep you guessing until the very end.

4 {FIT FIND} > READY TO RUN

Pounding the pavement doesn't have to be painful. Reebok's new DMX Sky running shoe (\$130; reebok.com) offers super-support and cushioning galore—a must for those who log a lot of miles. Composed of three rows of rubber pods, the funky outsole creates a stream of moving air that helps turn concrete into a cloud-like surface.



5 {WORD ON THE STREET} > FRIENDTOR ('frend-tôr) n. A trusted pal, often older, who also dispenses invaluable professional advice.



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