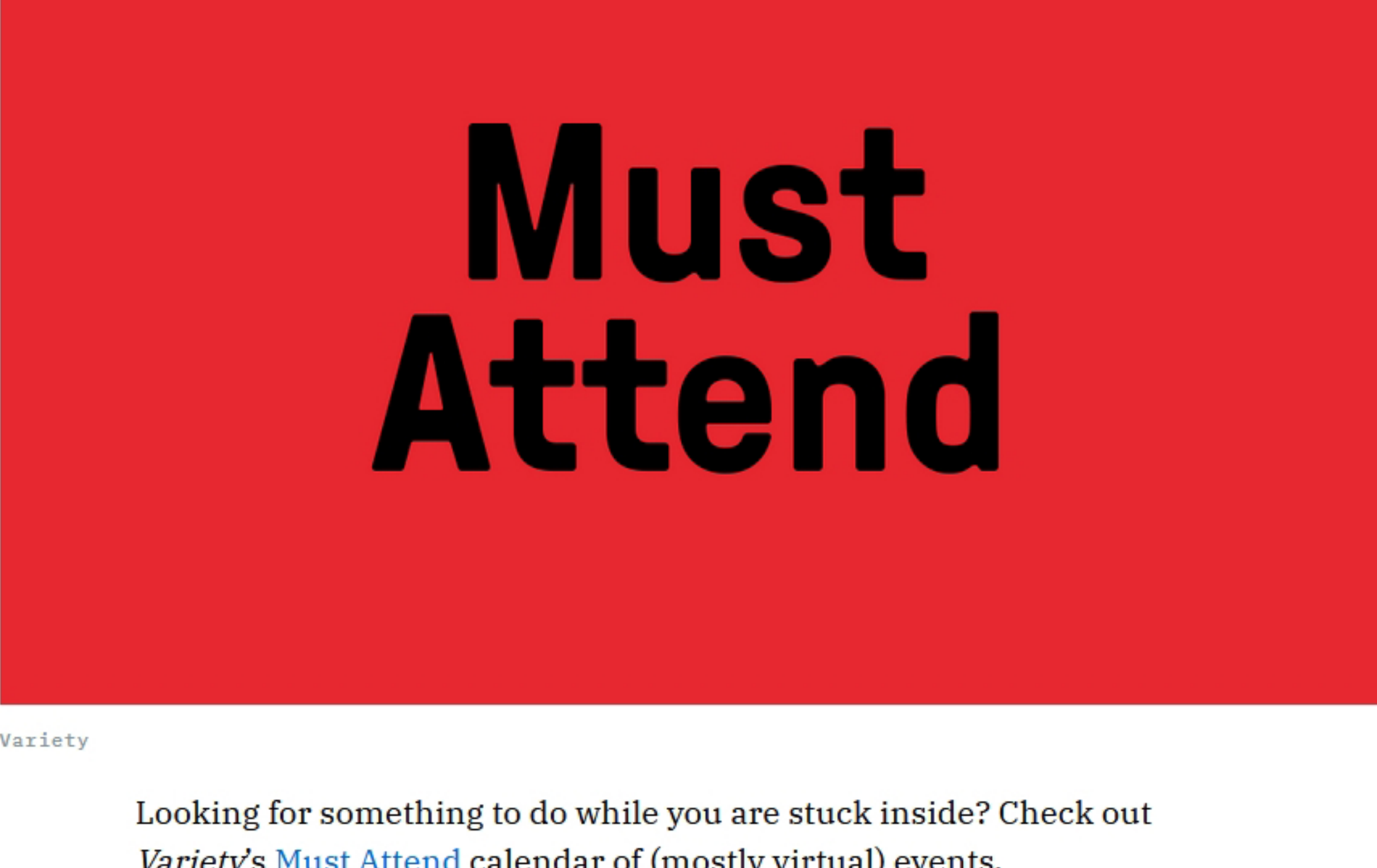


Must Attend: Variety's Calendar of New Year's Eve Events

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Looking for something to do while you are stuck inside? Check out *Variety's* [Must Attend](#) calendar of (mostly virtual) events.

Dec. 31

Broadway on Demand presents "Speakeasy on Demand" with performances by **Autumn Miller**, **Big Will Simmons**, **Miss Miranda**, **Hazel Honeysuckle**, **Dan Sperry**, **Christian Stoinev** and **Scooby**, **Mike Peele**, **Ivan "Flipz" Velez**, **Dushaun Thompson**, **DJ Brynn Taylor**, and more. \$125 ticket price includes delivery of a custom New Year's Eve cocktail kit, including mixes, garnishes, Absolut Vodka, bourbon and more. Two shows only at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. ET. [speakeasyondemand.com](#)

Watch and listen to **Gloria Gaynor** perform her disco anthem "I Will Survive" during Times Square Alliance and Countdown Entertainment's commercial-free Times Square New Year's Eve webcast. **Jonathan Bennett**, star of Hallmark's "The Christmas House" and "Mean Girls," hosts. The evening will honor first responders and frontline and essential workers and their families. Starts at 3 p.m. PT with the official ball raising. [timessquarenyc.org](#)



Courtesy of Logo TV

"RuPaul's Drag Race" stars **Alaska**, **Bob the Drag Queen** (above), **Katya**, **Miz Cracker**, **Peppermint** and **Trixie Mattel** host PEG Presents New Years Queens: Goodbye 2020!, an 11-hour event featuring performances by fellow drag royalty **BeBe Zahara Benet**, **BenDeLaCreme**, **Boulet Brothers**, **Divina De Campo**, **Ginger Minj**, **Jinkx Monsoon**, **Jujubee**, **Manila Luzon**, **Sharon Needles** and **Trinity The Tuck**. Live count-downs from London, New York and Los Angeles begin at 3 p.m. PT.

[sessionslive.com/NewYearsQueens](#)

DJ **Steve Aoki** performs during Grand Park's NYELA, a partnership with Fuse and Aoki's new Latin label, Dim Mak En Fuego. DJ **Eddie One** and **Jessica Flores** host, with performances from **Bia**, Mexican R&B group **Aquihayaquihay** and Venezuelan singer **Andrekza**. Starts at 11 p.m. PT. [nyela.grandparkla.org](#)

BTS headlines its management company Big Hit's 2021 New Year's Eve Live Presented by Weverse show outside Seoul. The lineup also includes **Lee Hyun**, **Bumzu**, **Nu'est**, **GFriend**, **Tomorrow X Together** and **Enhyphen** and special stages from **Halsey**, **Lauv** and **Steve Aoki**. You have to get up early though, because the festivities kick off at 4:30 a.m. PT. [weverse.io](#)

Dec. 17

Padma Lakshmi's third annual "Padma Puts on a Virtual Comedy Show" is hosted by **Matt Rogers** and **Bowen Yang**. [youtube.com](#)

Dec. 20

Virtual screening of "Then Comes the Evening" is followed by a Q&A with director **Maja Novaković**, SEEFest director **Vera Mijoljić** and executive director of The Frida Cinema Logan Crow.

Dec. 21

Writer-director Paul Greengrass and actor Helena Zengel take part in a conversation following the virtual premiere screening of "News of the World." [universalphictures.com](#)

Dec. 10

Emily Blunt is interviewed by Annette Insdorf at the 92Y. [92y.org](#)

Dec. 11

Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, Billy Porter, Kim Petras, Cher, Sharon Osbourne, LL Cool J and Harvey Fierstein appear in Cyndi Lauper's "Home for the Holidays" benefit for True Colors United. [truecolorsunited.org](#)

Dec. 12

NewFilmmakers Los Angeles co-hosts a virtual edition of its annual Film Festival InFocus: Middle Eastern, Arab & Dutch Cinema program. [seedsark.com](#)

Broadway star Shoshana Bean's "Sing Your Hallelujah" holiday concert, filmed at the Apollo Theater, streams. [singyourhallelujah.com](#)

Dionne Warwick celebrates her 80th birthday by hosting a livestream Christmas concert with Billy Ray Cyrus, Johnny Mathis and Aloe Blacc. [officialdionnewarwick.com](#)

Magicians Elizabeth Messick, Michaelann Awesome, Patricia Magicia and Simone Turkington perform "A Night of Holiday Magic" as part of The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts' The Sorting Room Sessions. [thewallis.org](#)

Dec. 16

Brave Hearts for Broadway's "Holiday From the Heart," featuring appearances by Laurie Metcalf and Daryl Roth and a performance by frontline and essential workers, benefits The Actors Fund. [playbill.com](#)

Dec. 2

92Y Talks presents "Marvel's 616," with Alison Brie, Andrew Rossi, Sarah Amos and Jason Stermann. [92y.org](#)

Amjad Abu Alala's "You Will Die at 20" kicks off the New York African Film Festival. Runs through Dec. 6. [filmlinc.org](#)

Dec. 3

Meryl Streep reads a tribute to Ruth Bader Ginsburg written by Gloria Steinem during Equality Now's Virtual Global Gala. [equalitynow.org](#)

The premiere of "Half Brothers" includes a post-screening conversation with actors Luis Gerardo Méndez, Connor Del Rio, Juan Pablo Espinosa and director Luke Greenfield. [focusfeatures.com](#)

A conversation with executive producer and star Bryan Cranston and executive producer and writer Peter Moffat follows the premiere screening of Showtime's "Your Honor." [showtime.com](#)



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Dec. 4

Film at LACMA screens "The New Bauhaus," followed by a conversation with director Alys Nahmias. [lacma.org](#)

Ben Biscotti, Tony Schubert and Bobby Rossi open this year's Holiday Road as a drive-thru experience at King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas. Runs through Jan. 10. [holidayroadusa.com](#)

Dec. 6

Black Design Collective hosts a conversation between Reebok's new global creative director, Kerby Jean-Raymond, and designer TJ Walker. [blackdesigncollective.com](#)

Dec. 7

Oscar winner George Clooney is honored at the 13th annual MoMA Film Benefit. Presented by Chanel, the event benefits MoMA and Artist Relief, an emergency financial initiative for artists affected by the pandemic. [moma.org](#)

Dec. 8

HBO hosts the premiere of its latest doc, "The Bee Gees: How Can You Mend a Broken Heart." Director Frank Marshall offers introductory remarks. [hbo.com](#)

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