

CANYON RANCH.

FIVE NOT-TO-BE-MISSED EXCURSIONS WHEN VISITING CANYON RANCH® IN LENOX THIS SUMMER!



Summer is fast upon us in the Berkshires! Bashful blooms are peeking out to show off their radiant hues, the trees are turning to vibrant shades of green and off in the distance are the faint but glorious sights and sounds of cultural season in the Berkshires. Spend your days kayaking in rivers and lakes, hiking in the gorgeous hills and spend your summer nights in one of the many world-renowned arts venues tucked away in these hills. Visit the Cultural Desk, located in Guest Services to purchase tickets during your stay.

- 1. TANGLEWOOD: SUMMER HOME OF THE BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** - Whether you are a lover of classical music, or not, this is a *Berkshire Bucket List* item – for sure! This beloved gem is a mere 2 miles from Canyon Ranch. Steeped in rich history, Tanglewood draws over 350,000 visitors annually. Enjoy a picnic on the lawn as you breathe in the night air or purchase tickets for a more formal concert experience in the open-air “Shed.” Under the direction of Andris Nelson, take in a classical evening of Tchaikovsky & Berlioz with the Boston Symphony. Or enjoy the entertainment of “Film Night” under the musical direction of John Williams, the composer for the scores of such films as *E.T.*, *Jaws*, *Harry Potter* and Steven Spielberg’s, *Lincoln*. All of this, not to be outdone by the festival’s popular artists series, which will include such headliners as Joan Baez, Melissa Etheridge, Diana Ross and Sting! www.bso.org
- 2. JACOB’S PILLOW: THE FIRST THEATRE IN THE U.S. DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR DANCE** The history of this farmstead – turned iconic dance destination is as riveting as the performances that grace its stages each summer. Before its establishment as a center for dance, the farm was known as a stop on the Underground Railroad for slaves escaping to Canada. Fast forward to 1931 when modern dance pioneer Ted Shawn, bought the Jacob’s Pillow Farm as a realization of his dream to legitimize dance in America as an honorable career for men. Shawn and his wife, Ruth St. Denis, were America’s leading couple in dance. Their Denishawn Company popularized a revolutionary dance form rooted in theatrical

and ethnic traditions. Their revolutionary vision paved the way for the next generation of legendary modern dance pioneers such as Martha Graham, Charles Weidman, and Doris Humphrey, who were all Denishawn members. Today, thousands of people from across the U.S. and around the globe make their pilgrimage to the Festival with more than 50 dance companies and 200 performances, talks, and events. During your summer visit at Canyon Ranch, after you've pushed your body to its limit on the trails or in fitness classes, complete your day with the exquisite artistry of such companies as Ballet Hispanico, Paul Taylor Dance, Miami City Ballet, and Washington Ballet. Both "The Pillow" and its many guest artists delight the senses and sweep you away in the magical mystique of the Berkshires, paying homage to the great dancers who came before them. www.jacobspillow.org

3. **BARRINGTON STAGE COMPANY: PLAYS, MUSICALS, CABARET!** – Relatively speaking, BSC is a “newcomer” to the Berkshire arts scene, when in 2005, they purchased a 1912 vaudeville theatre (having operated its first 11 years in a Performing Arts Center in the southern Berkshires) in downtown Pittsfield and by June 2007, opened its doors to a completely renovated 520-seat, state-of-the-art theatre known as the Boyd-Quinson Mainstage. In its 10th year in this wonderful space, BSC is a well-known and well-respected name in the theater world having produced several award-winning plays and musicals. In June 2013, BSC produced Leonard Bernstein and Comden and Green’s *On the Town*, receiving across-the-board rave reviews, with Ben Brantley of *The New York Times* writing, “Normally, I wouldn’t tell citizens of the five boroughs to drive three hours to be told that New York is a helluva town. But this enchanted vision...is worth catching...” The production moved to Broadway in October 2014, where it once again received rave reviews. The BSC 2017 Mainstage season will highlight two exciting musicals – Flaherty & Ahrens’ *Ragtime* and Stephen Sondheim’s *Company* and will also showcase Patrick Hamilton’s psychological thriller, *Gaslight*; and on a lighter note, Alan Ayckbourn’s riotous comedy, *Taking Steps*. www.barringtonstageco.org
4. **THE MOUNT: EDITH WHARTON’S HOME** – Home of literary great, Edith Wharton, The Mount boasts acres of gorgeously ornate gardens in full bloom during the summer season and daily tours of her private quarters and masterpieces (and is only 1 mile from Canyon Ranch!). Wharton was born into New York society at a time when women were discouraged from achieving anything beyond a proper marriage. The strong minded Wharton managed to break through these confinements and was heralded as one of the great taste-makers of her time, winning the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, an honorary Doctorate of Letters from Yale University, and a full membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters. The Mount, Wharton’s summer “cottage,” was another of Wharton’s great works of art as she was the overseer of its architecture and design to not only the home, but its gardens as well. Her Lenox home was her oasis, having said that “the core of [her] life was under [her] roof, among [her] books and [her] intimate friends.” This majestic structure is a year-round host to

authors, poets and musicians as The Mount has re-established itself as a cultural center presenting lectures, dramatic readings, theater, music, storytelling, workshops, outdoor sculpture, films and literary panels. www.edithwharton.org

5. **SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY: PERFORMANCE, TRAINING & EDUCATION** -

Our neighbors at Shakespeare and Company, who are less than a half mile from Canyon Ranch, take the “& Company” portion of their title, to heart! While they are home and host to many glorious Shakespearean plays, they also open their doors to the magnificent works of art of countless playwrights. The 2017 Season is underway with Amy Herzog’s Obie-Award Winning, *4,000 Miles* in which a grandmother and grandson are locked in a moving and most amusing battle of wits. Later this summer, explore the strength of the human spirit with *Intimate Apparel*, by Lynn Nottage. For traditional Shakespearean fans, don’t fret! The season ushers in such beloved works as *Cymbeline* and the *Tempest* as well as *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* which will be performed on the exquisite grounds of The Mount (see above). There is no better location for a play about a Fairy Kingdom at odds with an impish sprite!

As a special treat, on Independence Day, Canyon Ranch guests are invited to the Rose Meadow, on the Shakespeare campus, to take in an open-air reading of “one of the most stirring, influential and potent documents in our nation’s history,” the Declaration of Independence, read by acclaimed stage actors and prominent members of the local community. www.shakespeare.org

In June and September, Canyon Ranch is thrilled to welcome two stars of the Broadway stage to join us in the Fieldstone Lounge and Mansion Library for a Broadway-to-the-Berkshires experience. June 9th & 10th, we welcome actor and singer Andréa Burns with accompanist Kurt Crowley to Canyon Ranch! Ms. Burns was most recently seen on Broadway in Gloria Estefan's biographical musical, *On Your Feet!*. Mr. Crowley is currently the Conductor for *Hamilton* on Broadway. Join us on Friday for an hour of music with Andréa and Kurt and on Saturday for an intimate chat with Andréa about some of her favorite roles and life in the theater.

In September, join us for another weekend of talent when Kyle Dean Massey joins us September 15th and 16th for an exhilarating hour of musical theater gems on Friday and “meet the artist” discussion on Saturday. Kyle is best known for his roles in *Wicked* and *Pippin* on Broadway and his recurring role of a country music songwriter on ABC’s *Nashville*.

About Canyon Ranch®

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