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A couple in formal attire dancing in a grand, ornate room with a large chandelier and classical architecture.

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**BEST OF BUENOS AIRES**

**CHARLESTON:  
POUND FOR POUND,  
AMERICA'S FINEST C**

**THE MAN WHO  
CHANGED BALLET  
FOREVER**

**LOTUS EXIGE—  
ONE FOR THE ROAD**

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NEW BISTROS**

**RETURN OF THE  
DRESS WATCH**



# THE COMING SEASON

# July



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FRIDAY

## Santa Fe Opera

Coloratura soprano Natalie Dessay (right)—whose bel canto has rung through La Scala, Paris' Opera Bastille, and the New York Met—gives her first performance as Violetta in Verdi's *La Traviata*, starting eight weeks of arias under the stars. [www.santafeopera.org](http://www.santafeopera.org)



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SUNDAY

## Rusalka at the Glyndebourne Festival, U.K.

A new staging of Dvorák's fantastical work opens, a highlight of the 75th-anniversary season for this venerated opera festival at which "the graciousness of civilisation... surely touches a peak where the arts of music, architecture and gardening combine for the delight of man," as Vita Sackville-West wrote. Ends August 28. Tickets go on sale April 18. [www.glyndebourne.com](http://www.glyndebourne.com)



## 1946: Bikini Bared in Paris

Automotive engineer Louis Réard and his 30 square inches of fabric forever change popular culture. Believing his design will ignite an explosion of interest, Réard names it after the Pacific nuclear-test site Bikini Atoll.

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SUNDAY

## A Midsummer Epicurean Delight, Malliouhana, Anguilla

Six top chefs and five great winemakers convene at this resort (below), known for its deep, deep wine list and Michelin-level kitchen. Ends July 19. [www.malliouhana.com](http://www.malliouhana.com)



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SATURDAY

## Redentore Festival, Venice

The ending of the plague of 1577 bequeathed us this celebration of thanksgiving. Some two thousand boats fill St. Mark's Basin for an evening of feasting and fireworks, the prelude to a pilgrimage on Sunday to Palladio's Il Redentore. The best way to float your boat: Book your trip through Italy specialists Lanza & Baucina, who can arrange a private tour and dinner on a flat-bottomed craft. [www.lanzabaucina.com](http://www.lanzabaucina.com)

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MONDAY

## 1959: The Four Seasons Restaurant Opens

Where the power lunch was invented. "There has never been a restaurant better keyed to the tempo of Manhattan," Craig Claiborne raves in *The New York Times* in August. Average lunch for two with wine then: \$25. The 2009 anniversary menu (sans wine) is \$59 per person. [www.fourseasonsrestaurant.com](http://www.fourseasonsrestaurant.com)



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WEDNESDAY

## Total Solar Eclipse, Asia

The longest one (up to six and a half minutes) of this century. See it from a sacred Buddhist mountain in Sichuan, China (right), or the Tokara Islands of Japan with bespoke tour operator Remote Lands (July 20–23). Astronomers explain the science, and anthropologists describe the native folklore and astrology. [www.remotelands.com](http://www.remotelands.com)



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SATURDAY

## Coeur D'Alene Art Auction, Reno, Nevada

Fervent collectors of Western art descend on the good-time town for a serious auction—last year's sold \$37 million—and a rollicking two-day party. [www.cdaartauction.com](http://www.cdaartauction.com)

