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Time Off **Cultural Haven**

New Haven may not be the first place you think of as a summer weekend destination. But the impressive lineup of cultural and sporting events in this Connecticut city 70 miles northeast of New York might make you reconsider (infonewhaven.com). Starting on June 23, the Yale Center for British Art (ycba.yale.edu) will host a major free exhibition of William Shakespeare portraits and his original documents on loan from British museums and private collections.

Jazz notes will fill the city for three weeks in early August during the 25th annual New Haven Jazz Festival (newhavenjazz.com). The historic New Haven Green will play host to headliners such as pianist-composer Dave Brubeck, but events will also take place in clubs, restaurants, and on the water. On Aug. 11, you can take a dinner cruise on Long Island Sound to the big-band sounds of the Blue Orchid Orchestra.

From Aug. 18-26, the Pilot Pen International Tennis Tournament will feature many of the same players who'll be competing at the U.S. Open in New York the following week (888-99-PILOT). Off-court, fans can enjoy such events as a lunch and cooking demonstration with Food Network chef Dave Lieberman.

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