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with hundreds of independent bands playing across dozens of venues throughout Manhattan and Brooklyn. Participants can purchase a badge that allows access to all of the events (first come, first served). The festival also has film screenings and panels on the music industry and the arts. This year, CMJ launches CMJ Play, which focuses on music and video games, in collaboration with the Music Video Game Research Project at New York University's Steinhardt school. (www.cmj.com/marathon)

Big Bambú: You Can't, You Don't, and You Won't Stop: Until October 31

The Metropolitan Museum of Art's rooftop garden has been the home of a 50-foot high installation. By using poles and ropes, Doug and Mike Starn have created a impressive structure of organic and man-made materials. Guided tours throughout the week are available. (212-535-7710, www.metmuseum.com)

