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30 can't-miss arts events in Boston and around New England this spring

From stellar concerts to bustling book sales, these events belong on your Spring calendar.

A romance writing retreat on the coast of Maine. A blockbuster Van Gogh exhibition in Boston. A ferocious stepping competition in Hartford. Now that the sun is staying out later, you can, too. From theater to dance to top literary events, here are 30 can't-miss events around New England as selected by *Globe* arts critics and writers.

Chiharu Shiota: 'Home Less Home'

A project for the Institute of Contemporary Art's summertime Watershed in East Boston, Shiota's mass-scale installations explore migration and the delicate nature of home — both making and losing one. At the Watershed, a vast grid of red and black ropes will suspend such objects as suitcases, passports, and even furniture, underscoring the precariousness of uprooting, and the challenge of finding new ground. **Details:** May 22-September 1, ICA Watershed, 256 Marginal Street, East Boston; 617-478-3100, icaboston.org



"Accumulation-Searching for the Destination" by Chiharu Shiota. PHOTOGRAPH BY SUNHI MANG.