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15 Summer Theaters for That Nearby, Out-of-Town Experience

Easygoing days of drama and comedy are just a few hours away (or even closer) in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts.



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Out There

Nothing from [PS21](#), the Center for Contemporary Performance in Chatham, N.Y., is likely to end up on Broadway. The company's sweet spot is the international avant-garde, this summer including a "Hamlet" from Peru (July 19 and July 20). Amid the beauty of its 100-acre hilltop setting, once an apple orchard, PS21 makes its challenging work feel as welcoming as a new kind of nursery.

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