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# World Science Festival; Cicada Songs; Coffee, Deconstructed

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Starting this week, The Scan will appear monthly, previewing events and books for the entire month. Updates can be found at [nnytimes.com/science](http://nnytimes.com/science).

## STORIES

**Story Collider anniversary show.** The Bell House, 149 Seventh Street, Brooklyn. May 14 at 8 p.m. \$10.

In 2010 a pair of physicists asked their friends to share stories about science in a Brooklyn bar. The event, known as the Story Collider, was a hit, turning into a regular series in New York and Boston and a weekly podcast that has featured paleontologists pursued by bears in Alaska, a monkey attack in a primate lab, and a hypochondriac searching for a cure for hypochondria. At the third-anniversary show, the comedian Dave Hill will share memories from his mother's struggle with a misdiagnosed cancer, and the ecologist Carl Safina will explain how social hierarchy among wolves can complicate conservation efforts. Mara Wilson, a former child movie star, will talk about her fraught relationship with science. "Science looks like a vast impersonal thing, but we live in the middle of it and it changes us," said Ben Lillie, a physicist who is a founder of the series.

## FOOD

**Virtual Coffee. The Olfactive Project at Le Laboratoire.** 4 Rue du Bouloi, Paris. Opens May 17. Free.

Le Laboratoire in Paris, founded by the Harvard bioengineer David A. Edwards, blurs the line between cutting-edge inventions and high-concept art. Its 16th "experiment" offers many ways to experience the beloved coffee bean. First, visitors will wander through rooms filled with the four basic aromas of coffee: vanilla, jasmine, cocoa and burned wood. Then they will taste coffee in several forms, including sips from Le Whaf, an electronic carafe that makes liquids into a flavorful fog, and Aerochef, a mouthpiece that uses chocolate capsules to deliver coffee flavor with almost no caffeine. Finally visitors will be given the chance to send an "olfactory text" of the aroma of coffee using the OPhone, a sleek device designed to transmit odors over the Internet.

## MUSIC