

# NEW YORK

JULY 30–AUGUST 6

## THEATER

### Sit Back and Relax

Sofas and lounge chairs replace those painful theater seats at the American Living Room festival of emerging work, now returning for its eighteenth summer (July 26 through September 2; \$15; call 212-352-3101 for tickets and details).

1.

#### READING THE WATER

Monica Hunken's one-woman show about the mysterious life and death of her father, an introverted scientist obsessed with the sea.

2.

#### FREE AND COMPULSORY

A solo comedic show, written by and starring Jamie Lyn Smith, about the mishaps of a first-year teacher at an urban high school.

3.

#### STEEL NET AND A HIGH WIRE SING ALONG

A drama about the immigrant men who constructed the Brooklyn Bridge, presented by Doorknob Company.