

Karen Bender (Refund: Stories), 163 Court St between Dean and Pacific Sts. Cobble Hill, Brooklyn (718-875-3677, bookcourt.com). Free.

## Laugh 'til you cry at UCB Theatre

Sometimes, parents need a good, uncensored laugh. A sketch or improv show at UCB Theatre features the best up-and-coming comedians. You might even catch the women of Broad City or some SNL alumni dropping in. There are three or four shows to choose from most nights, and each lasts only an hour and 15 minutes and typically costs between \$5 and \$10, leaving plenty of money to pay the sitter, 307 W 26th St between Eighth and Ninth Aves (212-366-9176) -UCBEast, 153 E 3rd St between Aves A and B (212-366-9231) - ucbtheatre.com

### Eat all of the amazingness at Murray's Cheese Shop

Got a feel for fromage? A cheese tasting class at Murray's Cheese Shop (or, occasionally, City Winery) lasts just 90 minutes, with some costing under 100 bucks per person-others even include booze. Get hands on with a mozzarellamaking class, feel the funk with a stinky cheese class and learn how to pair cheese with desserts or-even betterwith wine, beer or top-notch scotch, 254 Bleecker St between Sixth and Seventh Aves (212-243-3289, murrayscheese .com). Prices vary.

# DATES THAT **COME TO YOU**

## Indulge in an awesome couple's massage by MySpa 2 Go

When you both desperately need to chill but are sequestered inside, have sanctuary delivered with an at-home couple's massage from My Spa 2 Go, complete with aromatherapy and soft music, Into different styles of massage? They also offer Reikl, Thal, Swedish deep-tissue and prenatal massage services. If you want to relax in a more active way, the service also offers yoga, with an instructor to lead you both through a vinyasa sequence or a guided meditation right in the comfort of your own home, Limited service areas (646-241-4477, myspa2go.com), \$140-\$300.

### Make the best meal ever with Home Cooking NY

Spice things up with an in-home, private cooking class from Home Cooking NY. Browse through their many sample menus or class offerings online for ideas (including vegetarian), choose the time, date and menu, and a private chef



instructor will email you with a list of ingredients (even FreshDirectfriendly!) to procure a few days in advance.

For \$300 (or \$825 for three classes). they'll teach you to create a four course meal for two (with gourmet options like filet minon with wild mushroom ragu or butternut squash and sage risotto) in approximately 21/5 hours—no white tablecloth required, (917-803-6857, homecookingny.com).

box from Unbox Love or

DateLivery, monthly subscription services that assemble and deliver surprise date-night activities to your door (like Birchbox or BarkBox, but for love). Each box comes with the materials you'll need and detailed instructions, and every

delivery is different; you might get a game to play (Farkle, anyone?), a joint art project (mug decorating ) or casino games (a three-game challenge complete with poker chips, dice and cards) to play together, depending on which service you choose. All you have to do is sign up online and let date night. come to you. (unboxlove.com, datelivery .com). Monthly subscription prices vary.