

The best outdoor art in NYC this summer

Check out our recommendations for the absolute best outdoor art to see around New York City this spring.

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New York City is full of free outdoor art that you don't even have to go to a museum to see. Sculptures, murals and photographs can be found in its parks, sidewalks and on its buildings!

Locations such as the High Line, Central Park, the Metropolitan Museum Of Art, Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn, Socrates Sculpture Park in Queens and other NYC locales all have a wide variety of pieces awaiting you, from massive sculptures to eye-popping murals and graffiti.

Best of all, it costs you nothing to pay a visit. Below, find the best outdoor art in NYC to stroll by for a DIY walking tour.

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"Happy to See You" Art Installation

Art

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Written by Amy Ellison

Time Out says

If you're looking to skip the museum lines and crowds this summer, Marya Triandafellos' art installation, "Happy to See You," is on display in Tribeca's Washington Market Park now until August 31. The exhibit features colorful 4' x 5' prints displayed around the park at Greenwich Street and Reade Street, brought to you by NYC Parks' Art in the Parks program and Friends of Washington Market Park organization.

Marya Triandafellos, known for her playful and vivid abstract, says this installation was first formed because of her deep fascination with AI, which she used as a muse to inspire and guide her interest in digital innovation and creative expression.

Details

Event website:

www.marya.nyc/happytoseeyou

Address

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Price:

Free

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