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Armory looks to bring the public back outside with modern art installations

The Armory Show, an annual showcase of modern art held at the Javits Center, is spreading out with an outdoor program of exhibits across New York.

Called Armory Off-Site, the free public showcase will accompany the 2021 fair, which begins September 9, with several projects on display until December 2021.

Among the partners is the Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership, Hudson River Park Trust, the Hudson Yards Hell's Kitchen Alliance and the Village Alliance.

Nicole Berry, executive director of The Armory Show, said: "Since its first edition in the Gramercy Park Hotel, the fair has been an important part of the fabric of New York's cultural community and is deeply committed to supporting the city's incredible museums, galleries, and artists, but also celebrating and giving back to the city.

"This year, we felt it was more important than ever to enhance New York City's beau-

tiful parks and outdoor spaces with engaging and interactive public art for all residents and visitors to experience, enjoy, and hopefully find inspiration."

At Astor Place Plaza, 1969 Gallery (New York) will present Adventure Painting: NYC (2021), a new interactive work by artists Johnny DeFeo and Aaron Zulpo.

A 31-foot Airstream RV, open on one side to reveal an exhibition of paintings by Guild Artists, will be installed at Astor Place from September 9-12, 2021.

The Guild will host painting sessions with guest artists and visitors will be invited to engage with the artists and watch them paint.

At Hudson River Park, Pier 64 at 24th Street, Aicon Contemporary (New York) will present new works by Katja Larsson, who has sculpted contemporary apparel, including baseball caps, as antique artifacts.

The Flatiron 23rd Street Partnership is hosting Social Block (2021), an installation by artist Josh Callaghan on the South Plaza.

It features cast concrete cinder blocks at 2.3 times normal scale. The installation is intended to provoke both social and tactile engagements with the work. The artwork will provide a site for gathering, reflection and play, creating an alternative architecture that elevates a banal industrial subject into a humanistic setting for a city to return to one another's company.

An interactive piece made with mirrors and shipping pallets by David Cavaliero and Niyi Olagunju will be presented in Bella Abzug Park.

The Armory Show 2021 will launch the fall arts season and bring the international art world to New York for the inaugural edition at its new location at the Javits Center open to the public September 10-12.



A piece called Social Block (above and below) will be installed in the Flatiron's South Plaza inviting visitors to interact with cast concrete cinder blocks made at 2.3 times the normal scale.

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The work at Bella Abzug Park is made of shipping pallets and mirrors.