New York’s best public art installations
Get outside to check out some of the best art in New York City this season
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One thing you can count on in New York City is that you’ll almost certainly run into a massive, engaging piece of public art at any given moment. But spring and summer are when the city really becomes filled with creative works, from large-scale installations to smaller interactive pieces.

With that in mind, we’ve rounded up the most exciting pieces to check out over the next few months, some of which are already in place and a few that will be debuting soon. As more cool projects come to light, we’ll update the map— and as always, if you know of anything that we may have missed, let us know in the comments.

#12 Jeff Koons Seated Ballerina

In a partnership with beauty brand Kiehl’s and the Art Production Fund, pop artist Jeff Koons has installed a 45-foot-tall inflatable ballerina in Rockefeller Center, right above the plaza’s iconic statue of Prometheus. The nylon sculpture is part of Koons’s “Antiquity” series, inspired by “themes of fertility, feminine beauty and life energy,” according to the Guggenheim. Both the partnership with Kiehl’s and the piece are part of a campaign to raise awareness for National Missing Children’s Month in May; it’ll be up until June 2.