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This 45-foot-tall ballerina is Jeff Koons' latest must-see sculpture

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"Seated Ballerina" at Rockefeller Plaza

Artist Jeff Koons revealed his latest creation — a 45-foot-tall inflatable ballerina — at Rockefeller Center in New York City over the weekend.

The work, titled "Seated Ballerina," is meant to evoke a porcelain dancer and will be on display through June 2. The sculpture will be taken down for safety reasons during any inclement weather.

It is the third time Koons has displayed a larger-than-life sculpture at Rockefeller Center. "Puppy" took up residence in 1992, and "Split-Rocker" was installed in 2000.

"Seated Ballerina" aims to illustrate "optimism and a sense of potential for the future," while drawing attention to National Missing Children's Month, Associated Press reported.

The artist founded The Koons Family Institute on International Law & Policy, a project that researches and advocates for child protection around the world, according to Forbes.

This sculpture was created with the help of beauty brand Kiehl's and public art firm the Art Production Fund, according to the same Forbes report.



“Seated Ballerina” at Rockefeller Plaza. Photos courtesy of Mike Coppola/ Getty Images