



Art Festivals & Fairs in NYC RIGHT NOW

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The visual arts claim extra attention in New York City this weekend with four art fairs or festivals unfurling across the boroughs. The DUMBO Arts Festival takes over a swath of Brooklyn, the NY Art Book Fair returns to Long Island City and the Affordable Art Fair alights in The Tunnel in Manhattan. Meanwhile, the Governors Island Art Fairs wraps up its final weekend on a locale cradled by the New York Harbor.

DUMBO Arts Festival - Brooklyn

Visual arts and performance take over a section of Brooklyn with the arrival of the 18th Annual DUMBO Arts Festival. Taking place from Friday through Sunday on the waterfront neighborhood of DUMBO, located between the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges. Expect to find open studios, performance art, pop-up gallery spaces, gallery exhibitions and public art installed in parks and sidewalks. The DUMBO Walls features the work of eight local and international street artists, on walls tucked beneath BQE (Brooklyn-Queens Expressway or I-278). Public art also includes the interactive video installation [Citysphere](#) by Eric Corriel, located at 43 Main. Corriel's site-specific video work [Water Will Be Here](#) was installed at Southampton Center in the Hamptons in 2013.

To harness all of the possibilities for art exploration at the DUMBO Arts Festival, a downloadable Festival Guide can be found by clicking [here](#). The DUMBO Arts Festival takes place from September 26 to 28 in Brooklyn, NY. www.dumboartsfestival.com.



"Citysphere" color test by Eric Corriel. The interactive video work will be installed at 43 Main as part of the DUMBO Arts Festival. Image courtesy Eric Corriel.

Governors Island Art Fair - Governors Island

Like clockwork, the seventh annual Governors Island Art Fair arrived on the first weekend of September, remains for the month, and will wrap up this weekend. Designed to coincide with the launch of the New York City gallery season, the Governor's Island Art Fair has artists setting up shop throughout 100 rooms of an abandoned military barracks. Expect to find installation, sound art, video art, sculpture, painting and photography in curated show overlooking the New York Harbor.

Admission is free and accessible by ferries leaving from the Brooklyn waterfront and Downtown Manhattan. Highlights include [Sui Park's](#) *Thought Bubbles*, [Harsha Biswajit's](#) video sculpture *The Animal is Absent*, [Katte Geneta's](#) *Cosmos No. 3*, a chalk-and-volcanic ash drawing, and [Laetitia Soulier's](#) *Square Roots*, according to fair organizers 4heads.org.

For the full list of exhibitors, click [here](#). The Sculptors Guild is part of the Art Fair and is presenting the group exhibition, "Transformation". The show includes works by [Michael Wolf](#), [Yasmin Gur](#), [Thea Lanzisero](#) and 32 other contemporary sculptors.

The complete exhibitor list and fair details can be found at www.4heads.org.

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The NY Art Book Fair - Long Island City

The Ninth annual edition of the NY Art Book Fair returns to MoMA/PS1 this weekend and brings with it over 350 booksellers, artists, independent publishers plus antiquarians, organizations and galleries. Exhibitors hail from 28 countries and 16 states. On the national front, expect to find publications by Yale University Press, The MIT Press, Dia Art Foundation, School of Visual Arts, Phaidon, Bread and Puppet Press and a slew of small or independent publishers. Harper's Books from East Hampton is exhibiting. So is Karma, based in LES and Amagansett, NY.

In addition, expect to find live music performances, the Contemporary Artists' Book Conference and a range of programming. Admission to everything is free. Conference attendance is limited so show up early.

The 2014 edition of NY Art Book Fair has a wider variety of exhibitors than past editions, according to fair producer Printer Matter. The range includes zinesters (X)EROX & PAPER + SCISSORS; the innovative and price-savvy Small Press Dome, rare and out-of-print books, plus ephemera from art and artist book history, according to fair organizers.

This year's fair includes a special focus on Norwegian publishing. NORWAY FOCUS:

KUNSTNERBØKER is a curated selection of 23 booksellers, institutions, artists and independent publishers giving fairgoers insight into the Scandinavian country's creative publishing scene.

The NY Art Book Fair is being held through Sunday at MoMA/PS1, 22-25 Jackson Avenue on 46th Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101. The fair is open on Friday from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit www.nyartbookfair.com for details.



Garbage Head Kids by Cash4 + EKG. Photo courtesy EKG.

Affordable Art Fair - Chelsea

Art that appeals to a range of collector budgets can be found in the Affordable Art Fair's fall edition for New York City. AAF is known for featuring galleries presenting art within striking distance for most collectors: \$100 to \$10,000 with around half priced at \$5,000 or lower. Taking place from Sept. 25 - 29, the fair is mostly an international with 30 out of 50 galleries hailing from locations including London, Hong Kong, Buenos Aires, Tel Aviv plus the UK, Spain, the Netherlands, Canada, France and others. The fair is rounded out with 15 galleries from NYC and a handful of nationally-based galleries. [Gallery 125](#) of Bellport is the sole Long Island gallery.

Affordable Art Fair (AAF) will be held from September 25 - 29, 2014 at The Tunnel at 269 11th Ave. between 27th and 28th, New York, NY. AAF is open on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 online or \$20 at the door.

For details, visit affordableartfair.com/newyork.

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