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10 Places to See Public Art in 2017

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Throughout this year, ambitious projects will be unveiled all over America — from an artistic jungle gym in Miami to a pirate ship docking in Northern California — and they don't cost anything to see. Here, a guide to the best public art coming to cities across the country.



Hannah Whitaker's "Step 1," 2017 (left) and Awol Erizku's "Bitches Brew," 2017, both of which will be on view in the Public Art Fund's 40th anniversary show. COURTESY OF THE ARTIST AND M+B GALLERY; COURTESY OF THE ARTIST AND NIGHT GALLERY, LOS ANGELES

Leave it to New York to roll out not just a sculpture or two, but an entire cultural plan. Spearheaded by the city's Department of Cultural Affairs, new legislation (which will go to City Council for a vote in July) will address how public art and artists are selected and aim for inclusivity and diversity. The city's most prominent nonprofit organization dedicated to the cause, the Public Art Fund, will also celebrate its 40th anniversary with a digital art show — watch as artists hijack a Times Square billboard and phone-charging kiosks around the city.