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## BROOKFIELD PLACE TO HOST 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CANSTRUCTION NEW YORK EXHIBITION



**New York, NY** -- [Arts Brookfield](#) is proud to announce the return of the one-of-a-kind design competition, [Canstruction New York](#), to Brookfield Place for its 12<sup>th</sup> year. From November 7 through November 21, up to 31 sculptures constructed entirely from unopened cans of food will be on display for the public to enjoy.

Following the exhibition, the structures are deconstructed and the cans are donated to [City Harvest](#), New York City's largest food rescue organization. This unique event results in the largest annual donation of canned food from a single event to City Harvest.

Canstruction New York is free and open to the public – visitors are encouraged to donate to the project by dropping off non-perishable cans of food to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Brookfield Place (230 Vesey Street).

New York's top architects, engineers, and students join forces to create the remarkable works, and this year marks the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canstruction at Brookfield Place and the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Canstruction New York event. The competition begins in one overnight build and culminates in the awe-inspiring canstructures.

The jury for the competition is composed of celebrity judges who will select and award the best in the following categories: *Best Meal*, *Best Use of Labels*, *Most Cans*, *Structural Ingenuity*, *Best Original Design*, *People's Choice*, *2 Honorable Mentions* and the *Cheri Melillo Award*. The People's Choice Award is voted on by the public. Since the program's inception, over 1 million cans of food have been donated to City Harvest.

"We are excited to welcome Canstruction back to Brookfield Place for its 12th year," said Elysa Marden, Vice President of Arts Brookfield. "Arts Brookfield is proud to demonstrate our commitment to our local community and kick off the season of giving back in such a meaningful way."

**The dates for this year's competition are:**

- November 7 – Canstruction opens to the public
- November 11 – Jury Day
- November 21 – Canstruction closes at 6 p.m.

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“We now have several generations of Canstruction fans. Visitors who came to the exhibit as children now come with their children and extended family - children, parents, and grandparents,” said Amy Nanni, CDFA, SDA New York Director and Canstruction New York Chair. “Visiting in person is the best way to see the sculptures because images don't do their magnificence justice. By inviting the public to donate non-perishable food to City Harvest, we hope to inspire a culture of giving that strengthens our community.”

“In a city that has so much, it's hard to believe that nearly 1.2 million New Yorkers are struggling to put meals on their tables,” said Chief Executive Officer of City Harvest, Jilly Stephens. “City Harvest is committed to feeding our neighbors in need, and thanks to the generous support of partners like Canstruction, we will rescue 64 million pounds of food this year and deliver it to hundreds of community food programs across New York City.”

Canstruction New York is presented in partnership with Arts Brookfield, best known for making world-class cultural experiences accessible and presenting diversity in the arts. For more information about Canstruction New York as well as Arts Brookfield's full schedule of events visit [artsbrookfield.com](https://artsbrookfield.com).

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## **ABOUT ARTS BROOKFIELD**

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## **ABOUT BROOKFIELD PLACE NEW YORK**

Brookfield Place (BFPL) New York is one of Brookfield's most iconic Place Making destinations that brings together modern office space, cultural experiences, curated dining and world-class shopping. One of New York City's most dynamic districts, Brookfield Place is a step away from the everyday and in step with the latest in global and local culture. The 14-acre, 5-building complex on the Hudson River in Lower Manhattan is home to some of the world's most innovative companies and one of New York's most celebrated experiential, culinary and shopping destinations. Brookfield animates its grand indoor and outdoor public spaces year-round through a mix of culture and events, bringing together a diverse array of New Yorkers and visitors. From waterfront cafes along the North Cove Marina to palm trees inside the famed Winter Garden, art installations to live music, Brookfield Place New York is a setting for discovery and inspiration, savoring and indulging, relaxing and socializing.

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## **ABOUT CANSTRUCTION® NEW YORK**

Canstruction® is a not-for-profit charity, founded by the SDA, which creates awe-inspiring, gigantic sculptures made entirely out of non-perishable food. Teams of volunteers, which include design industry professionals, participate in Canstruction® events in over 100 cities around the world each year. The public is invited to donate non-perishable food items during the exhibition and all food from the structures and public donations are donated to local food banks. Canstruction® New York has donated over 2 million pounds of food to local food banks since 1993, and over 1.2 million pounds to City Harvest since 2006. Since 1992, Canstruction® has raised nearly 82 million pounds of food for hunger relief organizations around the world with its signature, trademarked CanArt®.

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## **ABOUT CITY HARVEST**

City Harvest is New York City's largest food rescue organization, helping to feed the nearly 1.2 million New Yorkers who are struggling to put meals on their tables. We will rescue 64 million pounds of food this year and deliver it, free of charge, to hundreds of food pantries, soup kitchens, and other community partners across the five boroughs. Our programs empower individuals through nutrition education, increase our partners' capacity, and strengthen the local food system, helping New Yorkers who are experiencing food insecurity to access, afford, and consume nutritious food. To learn more about our work, visit [cityharvest.org](http://cityharvest.org).

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