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BROOKFIELD PLACE TO HOST 34th ANNUAL CANSTRUCTION NEW YORK EXHIBITION

*Beginning with a Live Build on October 29, This Year's Showcase Features Larger-Than-Life Sculptures,
Guided Tours and Activities for All Ages*



2025 Canstruction [photos](#) by Bowery Image Group, courtesy of Brookfield Place

NEW YORK, NY (October 14, 2026) — [Canstruction®](#) is returning to [Brookfield Place](#) for its 34th annual New York competition and exhibition, bringing together teams of architects, engineers and contractors to build 22 large-scale sculptures made entirely from unopened cans of food. The exhibition will be on view from **Friday, October 30 through Monday, November 9, 2026**, with one sculpture being built live for visitors to watch on **Thursday, October 29**, starting at **10:00 AM**.

Each year, participating teams put their design and engineering skills to the test, transforming thousands of cans into elaborate sculptures inspired by recognizable icons, landmarks and cultural moments. This year's designs will take inspiration from some of the year's biggest moments, from Christopher Nolan's *The Odyssey* to the New York Knicks' historic championship win, alongside other familiar New York and pop culture references.

The sculptures will be on display throughout Brookfield Place in Lower Manhattan before being deconstructed and donated to [City Harvest](#), New York City's first and largest food rescue organization. Each year, Canstruction results in the largest single annual donation of canned food to City Harvest from an event, supporting the organization's work to rescue and deliver 100 million pounds of free food to soup kitchens, food pantries, and community partners across New York City.

Starting at **10:00 AM on Thursday, October 29**, visitors will get a behind-the-scenes look at the Canstruction process during the live build in the Winter Garden, watching as one of this year's sculptures takes shape over approximately six to eight hours.

Canstruction New York is free and open to the public. There are many ways for visitors to join the fun:

- **LIVE BUILD:** Join us in the Winter Garden at Brookfield Place and watch as one of the Canstruction sculptures takes shape in real time. The live build will begin at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 29, and generally takes about 6-8 hours to complete.
- **EXHIBITION:** From October 30 through November 9, explore the exhibition of 22 sculptures on your own, from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM, daily. (Note: Canstruction will end at 6:00 PM on the final night of the exhibition.)
- **TOURS:** Educational guided tours of the Canstruction exhibition will be available on the following dates. *Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Visit the [BFPL website](#) for details.*
 - Saturday, October 31, 2026: 11:00 AM
 - Wednesday, November 4, 2026: 5:30 PM
 - Thursday, November 5, 2026: 12:00 PM
 - Saturday, November 7, 2026: 11:00 AM
- **DONATE:** Help the cause when you visit! Drop off canned food to be donated to City Harvest in the Winter Garden, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM, throughout the exhibition dates.
- **VOTE:** Cast your ballot for the "People's Choice" award and vote for your favorite sculpture. *Link to vote will be posted on the [BFPL website](#)!*
- **ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS:** Stop by the Canstruction Information Table to pick up an activity worksheet that will help guide children through the exhibition with thoughtful questions and activities.

"Each year, Canstruction turns thousands of cans into sculptures that benefit our neighbors and local communities," said **Rachel Wachtel, Executive Vice President, Head of Real Estate Experience at BGRE**. "We are pleased once again to host this fun, uniquely creative event throughout the Winter Garden and Brookfield Place New York, and are excited to see the creativity, engineering and architecture come together in incredible works that bring our campus to life."

“Every year, our teams find new ways to push the boundaries of what can be built with canned food, and the creativity behind these structures continues to amaze us,” said **Jennifer M. Greene, CDFO, Canstruction New York**. “Seeing thousands of cans transformed into recognizable icons, landmarks and cultural references is incredibly rewarding, especially knowing that every structure ultimately serves a much greater purpose.”

“When the exhibition comes to an end, the thousands of cans that make up these incredible sculptures take on a new purpose: helping feed our neighbors across New York City,” said **Jenna Harris, Associate Director of Donor Relations and Supply Chain, City Harvest**. “We are deeply grateful to Canstruction, BGRE and every participating team for turning their creativity and generosity into meaningful support for New Yorkers experiencing food insecurity at a time when so many New Yorkers are struggling to put food on the table.”

The 22 teams participating in this year’s competition include Arup, Beyer Blinder Belle, Buro Happold, CetraRuddy, Design Park, DeSimone Consulting Engineers, Gannett Fleming (GFT), Gensler, Gilsanz Murray Steficek LLP (GMS), HOK, JB&B/VIATechnik, Langan Engineering, LERA Consulting Structural Engineers, Marvel & TYLin, Meyers+ Engineers & McNamara Salvia Structural Engineers, NV5, Perkins Eastman, Severud Associates, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger (SGH), Sweet Group, Thornton Tomasetti, and WSP USA.

This year’s distinguished panel of judges will select winners from creative Canstruction sculptures within the following categories: Best Original Design, Best Use of Labels, Structural Ingenuity, Best Meal, Most Cans, and two honorable mentions.

Jurors include Chris Heintzen, RA, LEED AP, Senior Associate at Arcadis Architects P.C.; Breanna Katsman, Community Programs Manager for the Center for Architecture; Megan Marod, creator of @TheMeganDaily social media channel and NYC tour guide; Ben Van Leeuwen, co-founder and CEO of Van Leeuwen Ice Cream; and Todd Yamamoto, Director of Operations at Major Food Group for the Parm brand.

Photos from last year’s build can be found [here](#) (Credit: Bowery Image Group, courtesy of Brookfield Place New York).

Canstruction New York is part of a yearlong calendar of world-class events and cultural experiences that enliven Brookfield Place’s unique spaces and are presented to the public. For more information about Canstruction New York as well as Brookfield Place’s schedule of upcoming events, visit bfplny.com/canstruction/.

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ABOUT BROOKFIELD PLACE NEW YORK

Brookfield Place (BFPL) New York is one of BGRE’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

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 Place 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 palm trees inside the famed Winter Garden to art installations and 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® New York is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Corporation founded by SDA New York, an organization that provides A/E/C business operations professionals with the education, network, and leadership development to advance their careers and improve their firm's bottom line. Canstruction hosts competitions and events worldwide, creating awe-inspiring, gigantic structures made entirely out of non-perishable food. Teams of volunteers, which include design industry professionals, participate in Canstruction® events in over 100 cities each year. The can art sculptures are on display to the public in each city that hosts a competition. The public is invited to donate non-perishable food items during the exhibition. At the close of an exhibition, all food from the structures and public donations are donated to local food banks. Canstruction® New York has donated almost three million pounds of food to local food banks since 1993, and over two million pounds to City Harvest since 2006. Since 1992, Canstruction® has raised nearly 95 million pounds of food for hunger relief organizations worldwide with its signature, trademarked CanArt.

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ABOUT CITY HARVEST

City Harvest is New York City's first and largest food rescue organization—nourishing people, strengthening communities, and protecting the planet. We rescue nutritious, high-quality food that would otherwise go to waste and deliver it for free to hundreds of food pantries, soup kitchens, community partners, and our own Mobile Markets® across the five boroughs. In response to the urgent and high demand for food assistance and our commitment to sustainability, this year we will rescue 100 million pounds of food and deliver it to New Yorkers experiencing food insecurity. With deep connections to the communities where we work and with a focus on localized investment, City Harvest strengthens our agency partners and the local food system through capacity building, advocacy, and nutrition education. Through our food rescue model, we support environmental health by preventing millions of kilograms of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere while providing New Yorkers with the food they need to thrive.

Named one of America's Top 100 Charities by *Forbes* and recognized as a leading equity-driven organization, City Harvest has provided more than one billion pounds of food to our neighbors in need since our founding in 1982. To learn more, visit [cityharvest.org](https://www.cityharvest.org/).

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