



# 140 people will crawl in the street from the West Village to Union Square this Saturday

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Starting at 9:45am on Saturday, winding up in the gutter will take on literal meaning as 140 complete strangers get on their bellies to crawl in the street while fellow New Yorkers cheer them on. No, this isn't some masochistic exercise: It's a performance piece orchestrated by the multi-media artist known as Pope.L. *Conquest*, as it's called, is part of a series of crawls that Pope.L has undertaken over his 40-year career, though it represents something of a departure, since he previously conducted them on his own.

Organized by the Public Art Fund, *Conquest* is one of three concurrent Pope.L exhibitions that include an installation at the Whitney as well as a survey at MoMA. For it, the artist has recruited participants who A) reflect the cultural and demographic diversity of New York City and B) are agreeable to “abandoning their physical privilege, embracing their vulnerability and expressing the power of collective expression.”



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**11:00am–11:45am: NYC AIDS Memorial at St. Vincent’s Triangle**

**12:30pm–2:15pm: Washington Square Park**

**2:45pm–3:30pm: Finale line at Union Square Park (South Steps)**