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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.



Pope.L's "The Great White Way, 22 miles, 9 years, 1 street (Whitney version)," 2001, which will be on view in the Barnes Foundation's "Person of the Crowd: The Contemporary Art of Flânerie."
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The Barnes Foundation will celebrate more than 50 artists' engagement with different communities in "[Person of the Crowd: The Contemporary Art of Flânerie](#)," opening Feb. 25. The artists Tania Bruguera and Sanford Biggers will organize performances in the city streets, and the Guerrilla Girls collective will create billboards. Additionally, [Monument Lab](#) (a group of curators, scholars, students and artists who aim to ask what kind of monuments the city needs) will mount a temporary work by the Chinese artist Ai Weiwei. In May, the Association for Public Art will bring the artist Martin Puryear's largest public sculpture to date, "[Big Bling](#)," to the city for six months.