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## Annual Yonkers Arts Weekend Hits the Streets in May

The City of Yonkers will host its seventh annual Yonkers Arts Weekend, a celebration of the thriving and diverse arts community in the city, Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17.

Since its inception in 2014, YAW has created a prominent arts district in the City of Yonkers, several city galleries have opened, and dozens of local and international renowned muralists and artists have contributed to the city's downtown revival under the leadership of Mayor Mike Spano. YAW attracts more than 10,000 visitors a year to city galleries, the Carpet Mills Arts District, Hudson River Museum and Untermyer Gardens.

“Yonkers continues to secure its reputation as an artistic hub in the region and we are so excited to share that with residents and visitors each year during Yonkers Arts Weekend,” said Spano. “Yonkers’ rich history, coupled with our thriving arts community, transforms the city – especially the historic waterfront district – into a walkable museum. I’m thrilled we can once again bring this weekend to our community for the seventh consecutive year. Also, special thanks to Sur-

face of Beauty, Katori Walker, Daisy Rossetti, Shanequa Benitez, David Boyajian, and Executive Director of Yonkers Arts Ray Wilcox, who have left their creative mark on the downtown waterfront area this past year.”

This year, YAW will showcase a wide range of exhibitions, free art workshops, and musical performances across four dynamic venues, including pop-up galleries in the Downtown Waterfront District; the 17th annual YoHo Artist Open Studios at the historic Alexander Smith Carpet Mills, and now designated the Carpet Mills Arts District, 540/578 Nepperhan Ave.; music by the Untermyer Performing Arts Council at Untermyer Gardens, 945 N Broadway; and new programs and workshops to be announced at the Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Ave.

“At YAW, you don’t have to be an art connoisseur to enjoy or find something that will appeal to you – it’s a fun experience for everyone,” said Yonkers Artist, Katori Walker.

For more information, visit [YonkersArtsWeekend.com](http://YonkersArtsWeekend.com) or email [YonkersArtsWeekend@gmail.com](mailto:YonkersArtsWeekend@gmail.com).