

9-5: A New site-specific performance by Ernesto Pujol

When: October 26 - 28, 2015
9:00am – 5:00pm daily

Where: Brookfield Place – Pavilion
230 Vesey Street, Manhattan

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Performers silently observe and write about passers-by in site-specific work by Ernesto Pujol, tailored to newly renovated downtown commuter hub at Brookfield Place

In this site-specific performance produced and commissioned by More Art and presented by Arts Brookfield, social choreographer Ernesto Pujol traverses themes of labor, community, and empathy. Eleven performers dressed in white will arrive by public transportation each day, silently moving to their positions adjacent the glass wall at the east side of the Brookfield Place Pavilion. Sitting formally between the glass partitions of the window, that mirror the quintessential corporate office workspace, each performer will write silently throughout the day about the people they see, creating a literature of pedestrian life in the city.

Close your eyes
Take a deep breath
Open your eyes and look around
(Repeat this if necessary)
Take a deep breath with eyes wide open
Begin to see

Pujol seeks to evoke the repetitiousness of all labor through this silent meditative gesture, while also seeking to foster a deeper “seeing” of the human condition. The transparency of the Pavilion’s glass “cubicles” allows for our open vision, for a more direct relationship with the environment and the flow of humanity around us.

The diverse group of performers include artists Dillon de Give, Kate Harding, Young Sun Han, Sara Jimenez, Bess Matassa, James Rich, Valarie Samulski, Caitlin Turski, Michael Watson, Joy Whalen, and Jayoung Yoon.

Free Meditation Workshops + Artist Talk

The week after **9-5**, lunchtime meditation and mindfulness workshops will be offered for free on the steps of the Brookfield Place Winter Garden

Monday, November 2 | 12:30pm to 1:30pm “Embodied Meditation”
with Valarie Samulski, Body Practice Teacher | RSVP: jeff@moreart.org

Wednesday, November 4 | 12:30pm to 1:30pm “Embodied Meditation”
with Valarie Samulski, Body Practice Teacher | RSVP: jeff@moreart.org

Wednesday, November 4 | 6:30pm to 8:30pm
“The Art of Mindful Presence” A public lecture by Ernesto Pujol
followed by a reception | RSVP by October 30th, 12pm: jeff@moreart.org

DIRECTIONS TO BROOKFIELD PLACE

A,C trains to Chambers Street

E train to World Trade Center

2,3 trains to Park Place

Head west on Vesey Street. Enter the PATH Terminal at World Trade Center and follow the underground passage to Brookfield Place.

ABOUT ERNESTO PUJOL

Ernesto Pujol is a site-specific performance artist and choreographer with a socially-engaged art practice. Pujol creates silent, durational, walking performances as collective portraiture within mythical landscapes and historic architecture, aiming to reveal their psychic underlay in the Jungian sense. Pujol is a student of the human condition, inhabiting dreams, secrets and visions as intangible but vital fragments to understanding and healing history. He is interested in contributing to greater collective consciousness through mindful presence, achieved through deep sight, profound inner silence, and considered gestures. His durational performances have often served as ephemeral mausoleums or monuments to forgotten, or remembered but unresolved social issues that have been mourned or reflected upon during the experiences. Pujol is the author of *Sited Body, Public Visions: silence, stillness & walking as Performance Practice*; as well being a contributor to publications such as *Awake: Buddha Mind in Contemporary Art*. <http://www.ernestopujol.org/>

ABOUT MORE ART

More Art is a New York based nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of public art projects and educational programs that inspire broad discourse regarding social and cultural issues. Since 2004, More Art has fostered collaborations between contemporary artists and communities across New York City to create thought-provoking projects in public spaces. More Art creates programs that are aimed to make art accessible to all by involving people who due to ethnic, social, or economic barriers have limited access to art resources in the city. Discover More: www.moreart.org

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About Brookfield Place:

Brookfield Place NY is the height of luxury shopping, dining and cultural arts in downtown Manhattan. The center is uniquely positioned just south of Tribeca along the Hudson River waterfront. International fashion houses including Hermès, Bottega Veneta, Salvatore Ferragamo, Burberry, Omega, Ermenegildo Zegna, and contemporary fashion brands such as Diane von Furstenberg, Theory, Michael Kors, Vince, Paul Smith, and Lululemon make Brookfield Place Downtown Manhattan's most sought-after shopping destination. An 85,000-square-foot Saks Fifth Avenue department store will open in early 2016, revolutionizing the luxury shopping experience downtown. Best-in-class dining options include Hudson Eats, a curated collection of 14 chef-driven fast-casual eateries; Le District, a 30,000-square-foot French-inspired marketplace; and eight signature restaurants including L'Atelier, Amada, and Parm. Complimented by Arts Brookfield, an elite offering of world-renowned cultural experiences, Brookfield Place is transforming downtown Manhattan as the premier destination for residents and visitors alike. For more information, please visit: <http://brookfieldplaceny.com/>

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