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# LIC residents can be inspired by 15 new exhibits at Socrates Sculpture Park

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Visitors to Socrates Sculpture Park on the Long Island City waterfront can now look up at towering golden faces of hip-hop giants, run inside a corral labyrinthine or peek inside tiny aluminum-can tents during the Socrates Annual exhibit.

Each year, Socrates Sculpture Park awards the Park's Emerging Artist Fellowship to around 15 artists at the beginning of the summer. Selected artists, who can not be students and must be based in New York, are given a \$5,000 stipend and studio space in the park.

The Socrates Annual is the unveiling of the artists' summer-long work, which opened on Oct. 7. A variety of materials and styles are represented in the exhibited work. But all of the pieces are interactive by nature.

One of the park's exhibits, which is referred to as "the sandbox" by Socrates Sculpture Park employees, is an interactive cube that visitors are invited to enter. Three of the cube's walls produce sound. One wall is made of string, the second of pipes and the third of textured paper. The box's creator, audio-visual artist Lionel Cruet, felt a need to respond to the park's landscape and community.

Cruet visited Socrates Sculpture Park two times before deciding to apply for the fellowship, and was always impressed by the diversity of the park's visitors — a microcosm of the melting pot that is Astoria and Long Island City.

"The cube serves as sort of a metaphor for the park and its visitors," said Cruet, who added that his piece is only



Photo courtesy of Lionel Cruet

stable through the cooperation of six different materials. All them can function independently but need to come together to create art. Visitors are meant to be active participants and challenged to look at their environment through differ-

ent lenses.

This year's artists are Leilah Babirye, Sherwin Banfield, Amy Brener, Lionel Cruet, Nathaniel Cummings-Lambert, Ronen Gamil, Jesse Harrod, Carlos Jiménez Cahua, Leander

Mienardus Knust, Antone Konst, Joiri Minaya, Nicholas Missel, Virginia Lee Montgomery, Nancy Nowacek, Audrey Snyder and Joe Riley.

All exhibits are open to the public until March 10, 2019.



## Fall festival wraps up the 2018 season at LIC Flea & Food

The LIC Flea & Food market wraps up its 2018 campaign this Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21-22, with their Fall Festival filled with all kinds of fun activities for the entire family.

Bring the kids down to the LIC waterfront for the market's pumpkin patch; they can take home their very own pumpkin free of charge, while supplies last. Feel free to jump into the patch and take photos as well.

Meanwhile, you can stroll into the LIC Flea's Beer Garden and grab a locally crafted beer. There's also plenty of great grub and shopping to enjoy!

Stop by Yunza Catering, which has already cultivated a following with their delicious Pan Con Chicarron, a delicious, slow-roasted pork sandwich. If you're in the mood for amazing German sausage, German Bratwurst is where it's at. Jens and

his wife will transport you to Europe with their authentic German menu.

Also joining the market this weekend are Empanada Papa, Barbecue On A Stick and San Antonio's Wood Fired Pizza.

For some baked fall favorites, stop by Baked By Dawn. Her Mini Cakes with Fall Sprinkles will have many flavors to choose from like vanilla, red velvet, carrot and banana!

When you've had your fill of amazing cuisine and sweets, shop the markets roster of great vendors such as Vivian Jewelry, mazing furniture pieces by Latif, natural creams by Marifon and more!

LIC Flea & Food is open this weekend from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 5-25 46th Ave. in Long Island City, at the corner of Fifth Street and 46th Avenue. For more information, visit LICFlea.com.