# A YEAR IN TIMES SQUARE



#### **JANUARY**

# CLEANING UP AFTER MILLIONS, IN ALL CONDITIONS

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Despite the nearly 400,000 pairs of feet passing through Times Square daily, the Alliance Sanitation team works tirelessly through snowstorms and major events to keep the area spotless. Seeking innovative ways to keep Times Square clean led to the recent installation of BigBelly solar-powered recycling units throughout the district.

TimesSquareNYC.org/Sanitation





#### **FEBRUARY**

# BRINGING LOVE TO TIMES SQUARE

We love to love our businesses, especially in the coldest, slowest months. Every Valentine's Day, the Alliance brings thousands of romance-seekers to Times Square to marry, propose and renew their vows in front of a heart-shaped sculpture created by emerging architects and co-curated by Times Square Arts.

TimesSquareNYC.org/Love





# PROTECTING TIMES SQUARE

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Safety is the backbone of Times Square's continued prosperity. The Alliance Public Safety Officers – "New York's Most Helpful" – track and address quality-of-life conditions and support the NYPD, all while answering a myriad of inquiries from tens of millions of annual visitors.

TimesSquareNYC.org/Safety



# SHOWCASING SIGNS THROUGH ADVOCACY AND ART

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Lights, signs and technology are central to Times Square's identity. Recent research by the Alliance and the Times Square Advertising Coalition (TSAC) found that 83% of visitors feel the signs add to the area's appeal. Through Midnight Moment, a nightly synchronized video art installation, Times Square Arts and TSAC bring artistic content to these iconic signs 364 days a year.

TimesSquareNYC.org/MidnightMoment





## PROMOTING OUR BUSINESSES

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The Alliance weaves networking, promotion and outreach into every event and program to generate attention for its businesses. Taste of Times Square, the Alliance's outdoor food and music festival, celebrates the distinct and diverse cuisine of more than 50 Times Square restaurants.

TimesSquareNYC.org/Taste



## SHIFTING PERCEPTIONS

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Solstice in Times Square generates half a billion media impressions globally as yoga enthusiasts find peace and transcendence amidst the district's blinking urban madness. Alliance events highlight the creativity and quirkiness of the area, and in so doing shift perceptions of Times Square.

TimesSquareNYC.org/Solstice



# CREATING A LABORATORY FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

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Times Square Arts collaborates with contemporary artists to experiment and engage with one of the world's most iconic urban places. Projects range from internationally-known artist JR covering Duffy Square with 6,000 poster-sized smiling, smirking New Yorkers, to emerging artists' work making a splash across electronic billboards, public plazas, vacant spaces and some of the most unexpected district venues.

TimesSquareNYC.org/Arts





#### AUGUST

# MANAGING COMPLEXITIES TO REALIZE WORLD-CLASS DESIGN

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Work continues to transform a pockmarked, painted street into curbless pedestrian plazas that extend uninterrupted from storefront to storefront. This 21st century urban design presents a new public space paradigm and is an example of how the Alliance works hand-in-hand with designers and City agencies to shape major projects and respond to community needs.

TimesSquareNYC.org/Transformation





#### SEPTEMBER

# SUPPORTING DISTINCTIVE CIVIC PROGRAMMING

The Alliance forges partnerships to curate and support exceptional civic events, such as the Metropolitan Opera's opening night simulcast across the screens of Times Square. Because Times Square is New York's town square, the Alliance works hard to make sure that the best of the city is on display.

TimesSquareNYC.org/MetOpera





#### OCTOBER

# CURATING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT URBAN REVITALIZATION

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The Alliance regularly convenes discussions about cities and urban revitalization. In 2013, Times Square hosted the International Downtown Association World Congress, where leading urban practitioners had the opportunity to supplement their conversations about public space by voting on an interactive scoreboard 'Capitalism Works for Me!', curated by Times Square Arts.

TimesSquareNYC.org/20Principles





#### NOVEMBER

# SUPPORTING AND CELEBRATING BROADWAY

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Times Square is about theater, symbolized by the iconic red steps and TKTS booth, which the Alliance maintains with the help of the Theatre Development Fund. The Alliance also cares for a giant new map on Duffy Square that celebrates the Broadway theaters, created by The Broadway League and the Mayor's Office as a part of the Spotlight on Broadway program.

TimesSquareNYC.org/Spotlight



#### DECEMBER

### ENTERTAINING THE WORLD

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At the turn of the New Year, confetti inscribed with wishes descends upon Times Square revelers, there to reflect on the past year and realize new beginnings. New Year's Eve remains the city's postcard to the world, with 1 billion viewers tuning in globally to watch the ball drop and an array of A-list talent perform, all coordinated in partnership with Countdown Entertainment.

TimesSquareNYC.org/NYE



