



Art Takes Times Square by Chashama and Artists Wanted

During Art Takes Times Square, billboards displayed graffiti, and music echoed through the Crossroads of the World.

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The normally bustling pedestrian plaza on Broadway between 42nd and 43rd Streets was eerily quiet for the launch of [Art Takes Time Square](#), an event coproduced by artist support groups [Chashama](#) and Artists Wanted, with help from the Times Square Alliance. Pedestrians packed in shoulder-to-shoulder to watch a dozen billboards display graffiti artist Vicki DaSilva's



Jasmine/Never Sorry (for Ai Weiwei). Chosen from among 35,000 entries, DaSilva's multimedia work honors the provocative Chinese artist by depicting a shadowy figure who scrawls on brick walls with neon light. More than 4,000 submissions were looped on a pair of LED screens, interrupted only by the world premiere of "Five Seconds," a music video by singer-songwriter-guitarist Twin Shadow, who was there to introduce it. Meanwhile, percussionists on stilts weaved in and out of the crowd.

Later that evening, guests boogied down to a mix of Top 40 and oldies spun by [Questlove](#), flanked by neon-clad dancers and electric hula hoopers. Partiers took a break from the dance floor to get their portraits painted or have their hair fashioned into Seussian up-dos with the help of pipe cleaners and artificial flowers.

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