

Ten Coolest Art Pieces in the New York City Subway System

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Did you know that many New York City subway stations are also living pieces of art? For the low, low price of \$2.50, you can not only travel through literally hundreds of miles of tunnels, but you can see art installations while doing so! There are 267 art installations throughout the subway system. Here are ten that are so worth the price of a trip.



The Hive by Leo Villareal

6 train, Bleecker Street station. Enter from the Broadway-Lafayette B, D, F, and M station to get the full experience. The hive comes to meet you as you ride the escalator onto the 6 tracks,

The Commuter's Lament/A Close Shave by Norman B. Culp

42nd Street -- Port Authority Bus Terminal. You can see the full text of this minimalist poem literally hidden in the rafters walking between the A, C, E at Port Authority to the Times Square mega-station.

Memories of Twenty-Third Street by Keith Godard

N, R at 23rd Street. When the Flatiron building for which the neighborhood surrounding this stop is named was first built, it was the tallest in New York City. Locals said that its addition to the skyline changed wind patterns in the area so that men and women's hats would fly off at 23rd Street.

Life Underground by Tom Otterness

A, C, E, and L, scattered throughout the 14th Street station. This is a companion piece to Otterness's installation in Battery Park. Take the E down to World Trade Center and walk west for the other half.

Carrying On by Janet Zweig

N, R at Prince Street. Most art pieces commissioned by the Arts for Transit committee celebrate New York in some way. This one does so by allowing its residents to look inwardly.

Hook, Line, and Sinker by George Trakas

Atlantic Avenue-Barclay's Center station in Brooklyn. More of an architectural feature than many installations, Hook, Line, and Sinker immediately changes the confined space.

IL7/Square by Millie Burns

Brooklyn Botanic Gardens station. Okay, okay. To see this one you do have to exit the station and thus use another precious swipe. Worth it!

In Memory of the Lost Battalion by Pablo Turner

At The M or R at Woodhaven Boulevard-Queens Mall. It's hard not to swell up with pride as you walk past this memorialized walkway underneath the Queens Mall.

Bronx, Four Seasons by Marina Tsesarskaya

At Prospect Avenue off the 2 or 5. Many of the above ground train stations feature stained-glass windows. These four windows off of Prospect Avenue are a truly beautiful view of a vibrant neighborhood.

Masstransiscope by Bill Brand

In a now-unused station that the B and Q still travel through. If you keep your eyes peeled between Dekalb Avenue and Canal Street heading into Manhattan, you might catch a glimpse of it. Not long ago, this piece languished underground, abandoned and covered in graffiti. It was renovated recently when the Q train changed its route to go through its tunnel.