



# Against the grain

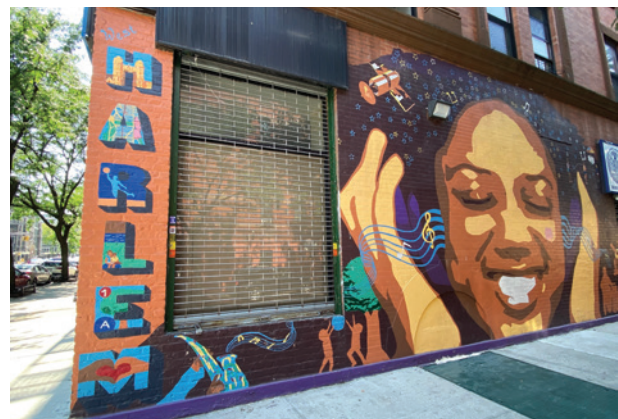
The Big Apple New York: a meeting place for multicultural art and expression

Saturated in creativity, New York City is home to an awe-inspiring symbiosis of high-class culture and experimental art scenes. Forever the home of emerging art forms, and cultural evolution the city of dreams allows a world of artists and collectors to exist in the same circles. The five boroughs each developed slowly and over time, taking on a distinct cultural flavour from those settling the neighbourhoods.

**From the bright lights of Times Square, Manhattan, to street art in Harlem, New York City has a slice of art for all**

For a city designed with extraordinary precision, the man-made wonder of Central Park and the intuitive navigation of a grid system, Broadway remains the region's oldest thoroughfare moving against the grain of John Randle Jr's town planning. Celebrated for decades as an artery of culture in New York City, the road takes its name from design – the original broad way through the area. Revered as the surest of places to catch a worldclass theatre performance, this juxtaposition of vibrancy against a backdrop of linear lines can be experienced throughout the entire city.

The picturesque appeal of Manhattan attracts more than 11 million international visitors annually. However, it is within the



remaining boroughs that the true gems of art and culture can be found. A wander through Brooklyn showcases the exquisite craftsmanship of Brownstone heritage homes and a trip to Queen's is incomplete without a visit to MoMA.

More than meets the eye, hidden hideaways are a New Yorker's best kept secret. Directions dictated from memory, and a map drawn from recollection are a kind of promise to unearth treasures of art, culture and social soirees. From prohibition era speakeasies to contemporary jazz clubs the name is more than metaphor with subterranean venues sprinkled throughout the neighbourhoods.

Before the museums are open, and landmarks wake from their slumber a morning cup of joe has been immortalised as an icon of New York City. Today boutique coffee roasters can be found across the boroughs for a caffeine filled morning treat.

Whilst the city remains home to a bon vivant lifestyle, so too does it nurture spaces for cultural phenomena to emerge. From the Met Gala & Guggenheim to hip-hop music, break dancing and the iconic slices of pizza the city of dreams is the mecca for art and culture in the United States of America.

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