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OGS ANNOUNCES FREE SUMMER TOURS OF THE EMPIRE STATE PLAZA

New 'Art for Lunch' Tours Start June 6

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced the popular and free summer weekday tours of the Empire State Plaza will begin on Monday, July 2, and a new "Art for Lunch" tour of the Plaza will be conducted on select Wednesdays throughout the summer, starting on June 6.

Free Empire State Plaza Summer Tours

The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza is at the center of one of the most spectacular capitals in the world: a 98 ½-acre city-within-a-city that includes one of the greatest public collections of modern art in the country, a cultural education center, and a unique performing arts center, The Egg. On this tour, discover this world-class complex. Learn how government and culture are housed within the Modern architecture of the Empire State Plaza, including the Plaza's memorials, visit inside The Egg, and receive an overview of the Plaza Art Collection.

Where: Starts at Plaza Visitor Center in the North Concourse.

When: Monday - Friday at 1 p.m. in July & August (closed holidays).

No Reservations Needed: Call ahead for groups of 10 or more.

Questions: Visit www.EmpireStatePlaza.org or call (518) 474-2418.

Free "Art for Lunch" Tours

Starting this summer, OGS will be offering lunchtime tours of the Empire State Plaza Art Collection. Tours will start at noon and last approximately 30 minutes. Everyone is welcome to learn more about Abstract Expressionism and discover new ways of looking at art. Tours will invite participants to engage with the collection and learn the history of featured artists. Every tour will focus on a different selection of artworks and on various themes including: sculptures in nature, women artists in the collection, art you can touch, creating the collection, artists who are World War II veterans, and art as propaganda in the Cold War. Weather permitting, tours will look at pieces located outdoors on the Plaza; if there is rain, tours will take place inside on the concourse.

Where: Meet on the concourse level of the Plaza, at the base of the Corning Tower.

When: Select Wednesdays this summer- June 6 & 20, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22.

No Reservations needed.

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For updates on Empire State Plaza and Plaza Art Collection tours, visit @NYSCapitolVisit on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, and @PlazaArtCollection on Instagram.

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