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If you want to enjoy art alfresco...
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When the shops close up, the art comes out: As at the 2011 festival, the roller shutters of several Bowery storefronts become canvases for 14 emerging and established artists. Nonprofit Art Production Fund and high school students in the New Museum's G-Class youth program chose the participants, including L.A.-based mixed-media artist Laura Owens and Dublin-born conceptualist Michael Craig-Martin. Next to each piece is a phone number that visitors can call to hear an audio description of the work; to locate the murals, grab a map from the New Museum lobby. *Bowery between E Houston and Grand Sts. The 25–Sept 29, free.*

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COMMON SPACE: SOCIAL MIRRORING
Denial isn't the only way to become the life of the party: Social mirroring—interacting through mimicry (but not in a creepy way)—can work, too, plus it doesn't cause a hangover. Participants in this multisensory workshop will explore the ways in which laughter, yoga, choreographed movement and other artistic techniques can reinforce your sense of self, and ease social anxiety. *The Old School, 233 Mott St between Prince and Spring Sts. May 3 noon–1:30pm, free.*

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Green spaces become portable, thanks to interdisciplinary artist Kim Holloman, who recently showcased her unique mix of art and architecture at TEDCooper Union. She's created a small-scale park—filled with native New York plants, mosses, grasses, trees, shrubs and wildflowers—in a movable, 14-foot trailer. While it may not be as physically taxing to cross as Central Park, there are concrete and wooden benches for explorers to rest their weary gams. *Bowery at Stanton St. May 4 11am–6pm, free.*

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