

'Disruptive' Mirrored Tents To Reflect Everything At Street Fair

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A plan for the mirrored tent pictured above beat out 80 other entries in an international design competition and will now be installed at the [StreetFest](#) event on May 4. The street fair is part of the second-ever [Ideas City](#) confab, the New Museum's effort to marry the worlds of art & culture and urban studies. The tents, called **MirrorMirror** and designed by Buffalo, N.Y.-based architecture firm [Davidson Rafailidis](#), are fairly simple structures, with a 45-degree apex, aluminum-framed panels wrapped in reflective mylar foil, and open sides at their base. Individual units are 12 by 16 feet, and several can be put side by side to create a longer covered space; during next weekend's street fair, you can find them near the New Museum on **Bowery** at Prince Street.

[According to Bustler](#), one member of the design competition's jury said that both walking beneath the mirrors and looking at the surrounding buildings and scenes reflected in the exterior will be uber-cool for visitors. The concept overall is (mind the archibabble) "**a disruptive act in the perception of the city**: it constructs serendipitous encounters through its mirrored, inclined walls. It shelters the activities any street tent does, but it does so by generating a network of gazes, encounters, and surprises where the citizen becomes self-conscious of its participation and construction of a collective act."