



COOPER UNION TO PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVAL OF IDEAS FOR THE NEW CITY

Cooper Union/Festival of Ideas events include a compelling list of symposia in The Great Hall, noted student art exhibitions and an innovative architectural thesis project featured in the StreetFest.

The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art is an Organizing Partner and a participant to The Festival of Ideas for the New City, a major new collaborative initiative involving scores of Downtown organizations from large universities to arts institutions and community groups working together to affect change. The Festival is a first for New York and will harness the power of the creative community to imagine the future city and explore the ideas destined to shape it. The Festival of Ideas for the New City was initially conceived by the New Museum three years ago as a natural outgrowth of its ongoing commitment to public education and civic outreach. It will take place from May 4- 8, 2011, in locations around Downtown Manhattan and will serve as a platform for artists, writers, architects, engineers, designers, urban farmers, planners, and thought leaders to exchange ideas, propose solutions, and invite the public to participate. Cooper Union, one of the eleven Organizing Partners involved with the Festival, is facilitating a number of stimulating events that will take place at Cooper Union:

- SYMPOSIA, Wednesday, May 4th - The Cooper Union will house symposia with visionaries and leaders—including exemplary mayors from a variety of countries, forecasters, architects, artists, economists, and technology experts. Cost: \$10/symposium. The event is free for Cooper Union students, faculty and alumni. For details: www.festivalofideasnyc.com
Foundation Building, Great Hall, 7 E 7th St, b/w 3rd and 4th Aves., NYC 10003.
- SCHOOL OF ART STUDENT EXHIBITIONS, Saturday, May 7th, 11am-7pm- The School of Art at The Cooper Union is opening its doors and invites the public to walk through the galleries at the college to view noted works on display in the historic Foundation Building and the LEED Platinum academic building at 41 Cooper Square. FREE
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41 Cooper Square, entrance on 3rd Ave and 7th St., NYC, 10003
- HEARTH AT THE STREETFEST, Saturday, May 7th, 11am-7pm-. At the innovative outdoor StreetFest along the Bowery, Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture thesis student Audrey Berman will present Hearth, a mobile bakery comprised of a tricycle and a wood burning stove that is used to cook bread for a community. Along with more than eighty local grassroots organizations, small businesses, and non-profits, the tricycle will be one of the projects on view that stimulates discussion about products and practices in a unique outdoor environment. FREE

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The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art is a distinguished private college of art, architecture and engineering founded in 1859 by Peter Cooper, an inventor, industrialist and philanthropist. Since its founding, all admitted students have received full-tuition scholarships.

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