

Yellow "OY/YO" sculpture returns to Brooklyn's waterfront

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Photograph: Courtesy Daniel Avila

If you were sad when the bright yellow "OY/YO" sculpture was removed from Brooklyn Bridge Park in 2016, you'll be thrilled to know that the bilingual art piece is returning the Brooklyn waterfront. Only this time, it'll be a bit farther north.

Deborah Kass' 8-foot tall art piece has popped up on North Fifth Street Pier and Park in Williamsburg where it will live until July 2018. A nod to Brooklyn's multicultural neighborhoods—"YO" is part of "I am" in Spanish and "OY" is part of the Yiddish expression "oy vey"—the painted aluminum sculpture will once again be a cheerful pop of color with the Manhattan skyline serving as its backdrop.



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"OY/YO" was originally installed in Brooklyn Bridge Park's Main Street lawn in 2015 as part of the Art in DUMBO campaign and viewers of all ages could often be seen climbing on the letters and crawling inside the "O." When real estate development company Douglaston Development learned that the sculpture needed a new home, it was placed on an esplanade in North Fifth Street Pier and Park the firm had built in partnership with the City Planning Commission (CPC) and NYC Parks. Now families can get up close and personal with the sunshine yellow structure once again.

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