

MoMA PS1 TO BECOME NEW YORK CITY'S LARGEST FREE MUSEUM IN 2026, MADE POSSIBLE BY GIFT FROM SONYA YU CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY

LONG ISLAND CITY, NY, December 9, 2025 – Beginning January 1, 2026, MoMA PS1 will offer free admission to all visitors, removing financial barriers to entry for the next three years. Made possible by a gift from creative entrepreneur Sonya Yu, the expansion of the museum's free admission for New Yorkers program to all visitors will make PS1 the largest free museum in New York City. This initiative is being launched for MoMA PS1's 50th anniversary in 2026, offering all visitors free entry to signature programming, including *Greater New York*, opening on April 16, 2026.

"For fifty years, MoMA PS1 has made the work of living artists relevant and accessible," said Connie Butler, The Agnes Gund Director. "I am deeply grateful for Sonya Yu's transformative support, which will make free access to our oasis for contemporary art and culture here in Queens possible for all. Thanks to Sonya's extraordinary gift, we can invite even more New Yorkers and audiences from across the world to engage with our program."

"I have always believed that building authentic creative communities is a powerful force for social change," said Sonya Yu. "That's why supporting MoMA PS1 is so important to me. Under Connie Butler's leadership, PS1's commitment to authentic community building and expanding access is a shining example of how institutions can build bridges and foster genuine inclusion. As a proud Chinese immigrant and a mother, I've seen firsthand how access to art can directly shape imagination and change perspectives. I hope this contribution helps to inspire new generations to see themselves in art and experience its incredible power at PS1."

"For nearly 50 years, MoMA PS1 has been a cornerstone of New York City's contemporary art scene, providing space for artists to create and push boundaries, and for New Yorkers to experience and connect with their work," said NYC Cultural Affairs Commissioner Laurie Cumbo. "As we look toward the 50th anniversary of this remarkable institution next year, we applaud MoMA PS1's and Sonya Yu's shared commitment to making admission free for all, building on the city's longstanding collaboration with PS1 as a member of the Cultural Institutions Group to expand access and inclusion for all New Yorkers."

"Ensuring the unmatched programming offered by MoMA PS1 is accessible for residents and tourists alike is an incredible way to immerse families into the unmatched culture offered in Queens," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "It's no surprise that New York City's largest free museum is here in Queens, where we continue to break down barriers to the arts."

"Access to arts and culture is essential to the wellbeing of our communities, and for our efforts to keep an affordable and diverse New York," said New York State Senator Kristen Gonzalez. "MoMA PS1 is an incredible institution in our district, and I'm so proud to be a partner to them. I look forward to the joy and education the increased accessibility will result in, and thank the museum for their 50 years of operations."

Free admission expands the museum's recent efforts to bolster accessibility, including language access initiatives in English, Spanish, and Chinese; free event tickets for LIC residents; and strengthened

community partnerships with local organizations. In addition to *Greater New York*, visitors will be offered free admission to the entire slate of 50th-anniversary exhibitions and programs.

ABOUT MoMA PS1

MoMA PS1 champions art and artists at the intersection of the social, cultural, and political issues of our time. Providing audiences with the agency to ask questions, access to knowledge, and a forum for public debate, PS1 has offered insight into artists' diverse worldviews for more than 40 years. Founded in 1976, the institution was a defining force in the alternative space movement in New York City, transforming a nineteenth century public schoolhouse in Long Island City into a site for artistic experimentation and creativity. PS1 has been a member of New York City's Cultural Institutions Group (CIG) since 1982 and affiliated with The Museum of Modern Art since 2000.

Hours: MoMA PS1 is open from 12 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Sunday, and Monday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Admission: MoMA PS1 is a place for everyone. Beginning January 1, 2026, free admission is made possible by Sonya Yu. Tickets may be reserved online at mo.ma/ps1tickets.

Visitor Guide: Discover even more from MoMA PS1 with the Bloomberg Connects app. Read wall text, hear directly from artists, and uncover the building's history with this multimedia visitor guide. This digital experience is made possible through the support of Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Directions: MoMA PS1 is located at 22-25 Jackson Avenue at 46th Ave in Long Island City, Queens, across the Queensboro Bridge from midtown Manhattan. Traveling by subway, take the E, M, or 7 to Court Sq; or the G to Court Sq or 21 St Van Alst. By bus, take the Q67 to Jackson and 46th Ave or the B62 to 46th Ave.

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