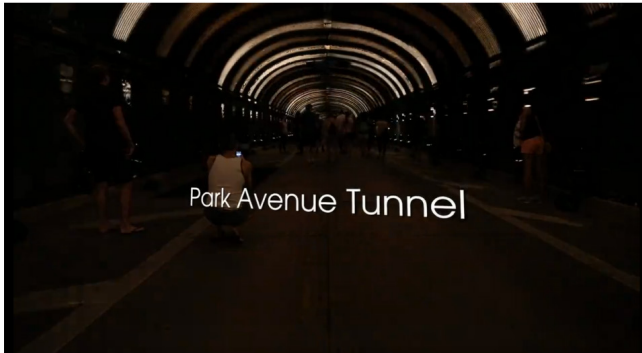


VIDEO: The Lights & Sounds of the Park Avenue Voice Tunnel



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In addition to giving New Yorkers an open place to play, walk, and bike, the City's **Summer Streets** program also aims to bring meaningful art to the public each year.

The 1,400 foot long Park Avenue Tunnel, which runs from East 33rd Street to East 40th Street, is home to this year's "**Voice Tunnel**." It's an interactive light and sound installation by Mexican-Canadian artist **Rafael Lozano-Hemmer**.

Open for the first time in history to pedestrians, visitors are invited to use a microphone at the center of the tunnel and say anything they'd like. Each voice triggers a response from three hundred theatrical spotlights, spanning the length of the tunnel.

Blouin ARTINFO spoke with visitors and with Lozano-Hemmer about his project, which is uniquely New York.

Summer Streets runs in Manhattan from the Brooklyn Bridge to Central Park, along Park Avenue from 7am – 1pm on August 3, 10 & 17.