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## From the Public Art You Can Still See to the Death of Genesis P-Orridge: The Best and Worst of the Art World This Week

Catch up on this week's news, fast.

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Deborah Kass, OY/YO (2015). Courtesy of New York City Parks Department, Art in the Parks.

### **BEST** 👍

**The Art of Fashion** – Sander Lak, creative director of the ready-to-wear label Sies Marjan, joins us on the Art Angle Podcast to talk about why the two disciplines should stay in their lanes.

**See What You Can, While You Still Can** – Is there any art left to see in person these days? Here's a guide to public artworks and window installations you can safely view out in the world for the time being.

**A Nifty New Tool to Buy Art** – The infamous Winklevoss twins unveiled a new digital art marketplace based on blockchain called Nifty Gateway.

**Virtual Visits** – Getting a little cabin fever? Why not take a virtual trip to a museum with Google Arts and Culture’s encyclopedic log of international institutions?

**Detroit Is Making Donations** – The city’s Library Street Collective gallery is donating coloring books and free meals to children in need while schools are shut down until further notice.

**Art Ignites a Movement** – Sometimes art is the only way to really get a point across, and thanks to a viral video by two animation artists , the world is understanding just how important it is to socially isolate.

**Face Masks for the Front Lines** – Conservators at Amsterdam’s Rijksmuseum are donating their surgical masks and gloves to who are in dire need of supplies.

## WORST

**Remembering Genesis P-Orridge** – The artist died after a two-year battle with cancer , and is remembered for a gender-bending life that was dedicated to art, music, and individuality.

**A New Normal at the Met** – The Metropolitan Museum of Art is expecting a shortfall of as much as \$100 million, but the museum’s leaders have a three-prong plan for the coming months.

**An Oxford College Caper** – Thieves stole \$12 million worth of Old Master paintings from the Christ Church Picture Gallery at the University of Oxford.

**Paddle8 Files for Bankruptcy** – The online auction house filed for Chapter 11 protection this week, shortly after allegations of misallocating funds were made public.

**Art Fair Freeze** – One of the most hotly anticipated spring art events, Frieze New York, set to open in May, was cancelled this week.

**Museums Shutter Around the World** – What began in the US is extending overseas as museums across the UK are now closing to the public until the current health crisis can get under control.

**Auction Houses Shift the Calendar** – Christie’s and Phillips will hold mega-sales in June after cancelling their spring auctions in New York.

**Met Gala Postponed** – The super chic event has been called off amid the current crisis, which will likely have dire consequences for the Costume Institute’s budget next year.

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