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Olek, *Thank You for Your Visit, Have a Nice Day*

Art in Odd Places 2009 makes your trip across 14th Street even weirder

Now in its fifth year, this annual festival brings 60 or so artworks to 14th Street, all of which focus on the theme of signs. "It seemed that at this particular point in time, people are more attuned to signs and omens," says writer and editor Radhika Subramaniam, who, along with Lower Manhattan Cultural Council artistic director Erin Donnelly, is guest-curating this year's festival. Below, Subramaniam discusses three of the pieces in the show.

Cyriaco Lopes, *Big Bronze Statues*

"Blending mythology and whimsy, Lopes will leave love letters from historical and fictional gay people in public spaces. The letters will be replenished every day."

Olek, *Thank You for Your Visit, Have a Nice Day*

"Olek is into wearable sculptures, and how the body functions as a sign. Her performers will appear in various sites on 14th Street in multicolored crocheted camouflage, displaying signs collected by the artist from different countries that are in emphatic, ironic or amused dialogue with their location."

LuLu LoLo, *Extra! Extra! Read All About 14th Street*

"In vintage knickers and cap like a turn-of-the-century newsboy, LuLu LoLo will hawk a weekly tabloid, *The Fourteenth Street Tribune*, that recalls famous, notorious and tumultuous events from the history of 14th Street, such as the Hearn's department-store riot, the opening of the Metropolitan Museum of Art at 128 West 14th Street, the appearance of Lillian Russell at Tony Pastor's and more." —Amy Platt

14th St between Ave C and the Hudson River
(artinoddplaces.org). Oct 1–26.