

5 Things to Do This Weekend

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Renewal in the Rockaways



A portion of Ivan Forde's mural "Seascape With the Fabulous Plant of Rejuvenation in the Abzu" (2021), which will be on the facade of Rockaway Hotel until fall 2022. Ivan Forde

Through the years, Rockaway Beach has earned the distinction of being a site synonymous with resilience. Knowing that, [Ivan Forde](#) recently painted "Seascape With the Fabulous Plant of Rejuvenation in the Abzu," an 18-foot-by-90-foot mural at the corner of Rockaway Beach Boulevard and Beach 108th Street on the facade of Rockaway Hotel. The work symbolizes "rejuvenation for N.Y.C. after the storm of the pandemic," he said in a personal statement on his website.

Forde centered the cyanotype on the Mesopotamian poem "The Epic of Gilgamesh," and included visual references to traditional healing elements associated with his own Guyanese heritage and those of the Lenape, the Indigenous people who inhabited the Rockaways centuries ago.

Created in collaboration with Baxter Street CCNY and supported by 7G Foundation and Facebook Open Arts, Forde's mural, which is on view through the fall of 2022, is part of a series of public art initiatives Rockaway Hotel intends to present to honor the sense of renewal tied to the area's storied past.