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## Holiday With The Arts In America's 10 Largest Cities

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Entertaining out of town guests? Going stir-crazy? In search of presents which don't come wrapped in a box?

A nearby art museum or gallery can help turn a season of consumerism into a season of enlightenment.

Prior to visiting any of the locations listed across the 10 largest metropolitan areas in the United States, check their websites for holiday hours as well as up to date COVID-19 safety measures which will vary widely from place to place.



CHICAGO, Nov. 30, 2016 — The two bronze lion statues with Christmas decorations are seen outside the entrance of the Art Institute of Chicago, the United States, Nov. 30, 2016. (Xinhua/Wang Ping via Getty Images)



Hans Hofmann Chimbote Mural Fragment of Part II, Study for Chimbote Mural.

Art and New York are synonymous, but before trodding the well-worn path back to The Met, MoMA, the Guggenheim or the Whitney, enjoy an adventure by visiting one of the city's countless galleries.

For something more joyful, Miles McEnery Gallery adjacent to the High Line in Chelsea offers Hans Hofmann's vibrantly colored Chimbote Mural paintings.

In 1950 Hofmann was invited to collaborate in the making of a modernist site in the coastal town of Chimbote, Peru. Hofmann planned to paint nine large murals that would become a mosaic at the site, but the project was never realized. The resulting large-scale abstract panels—nearly 7 x 4 feet at their widest—provide significant insight into his energetic compositions and distinct theoretical approach to painting.

Consider stopping by fitting homage to Hofmann, a central figure in New York's ascendance to the pinnacle of the art world as a revered teacher of Lee Krasner, Joan Mitchell, Helen Frankenthaler and other stalwarts of the "New York School."