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A Massive New Installation Made Of Over 75,000 Kites Is Coming To SFMOMA — And You Can Experience The Whole Thing For Free

The modern art museum has announced a major new installation coming this summer, and it will be free to visit.

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SFMOMA is well known for its impressive art collection, with multiple floors filled with art. The museum also boasts a large amount of free gallery space that is open to the public. The free space is filled with art, and SFMOMA recently announced a major new installation opening this summer. The large-scale installation will feature over 75,000 hand-built kites that cover the museum's free gallery space from the floor to the ceiling. The work is by artist Jacob Hashimoto and is fittingly titled *Giant Arc*.



Photo by SF Travel Association.

“Our mission at SFMOMA is radical hospitality for all—these efforts include filling over 45,000 square feet of free public space with irresistible contemporary art,” said Christopher Bedford, Helen and Charles Schwab Director of SFMOMA. “Jacob Hashimoto’s enveloping and breathtaking commission in our free-to-visit Roberts Family Gallery promises to welcome visitors of all ages, imbuing all who experience it with a sense of wonder and awe.”

Hashimoto has been creating large-scale installations with kites for decades, and his piece for SFMOMA will be the largest in his career. The thousands of kites will create a canopy, with visitors encouraged to walk, sit, or even lie underneath the arc.

“It will be an enticing, intriguing overture to the museum itself,” said Hashimoto about the project. “The gravity of *Giant Arc* is its universality. . . This essential nature allows people to find what they might need in the work—mysteries if people want them, stories if people desire them, narratives to spin and twist, experimental maps and aerial geographies to explore.”

The installation will be on view at SFMOMA starting on August 22, 2026. The piece will be displayed in the free gallery, so no ticket is required. The free gallery space also features other major artworks, including a mural, large abstract canvases, and more.