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FIGMENT For the second year, a bit of Burning Man will come east when Figment, a free arts festival, inhabits Governors Island this weekend. Like that annual event in the Nevada desert, Figment is equal parts installation and performance piece, and heavy on the interactivity and good vibes. More than 200 arts groups and individuals are participating, said David Koren, the executive producer. Last year it drew 2,800 visitors in one day, the maximum allowed on the island. (Figment was so successful that the organizers were able to expand it to three days this year; the name comes from an Andy Warhol quotation describing his preferred tombstone: “No epitaph, and no name. Well, actually, I’d like it to say ‘Figment.’”)

Among the spectacles planned for the park, which is accessible through a free ferry, is “Limbonade,” a contest in which good limbo dancers win lemonade; “Creamcycle,” in which visitors design and build a bicycle-powered ice cream churning; and a gnome adoption agency, in which qualified parents are matched with orphaned lawn gnomes — and a disposable camera, to doc-

ument the adventures of their new charges.

“Starlight on the Island,” a series of three solar-powered spherical sculptures, above, will absorb the sun’s energy during the day to light up at night. New this year is the “City of Dreams” miniature golf course, with artist-designed holes that resemble the Cyclone roller coaster, the Chrysler Building and a postapocalyptic urban setting; it will remain open through October.

Many artists are making the most of the unusual architecture of Governors Island: one performance piece, “Victorian Volley,” uses some little-known tennis courts for a women’s match in which the players compete in 19th-century-style dress; another, set near Fort Jay, recreates a (fictional) Revolutionary battle, updated with a “participatory noisemaker drum corps” of hand-made instruments.

“We try to make expression as open as possible,” Mr. Koren said, “adhering to what the societal norms are and what the rules are.” In other words, Burning Man veterans: no alcohol, no fire and no nudity. (Friday through Sunday; information at figmentnyc.org.)

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