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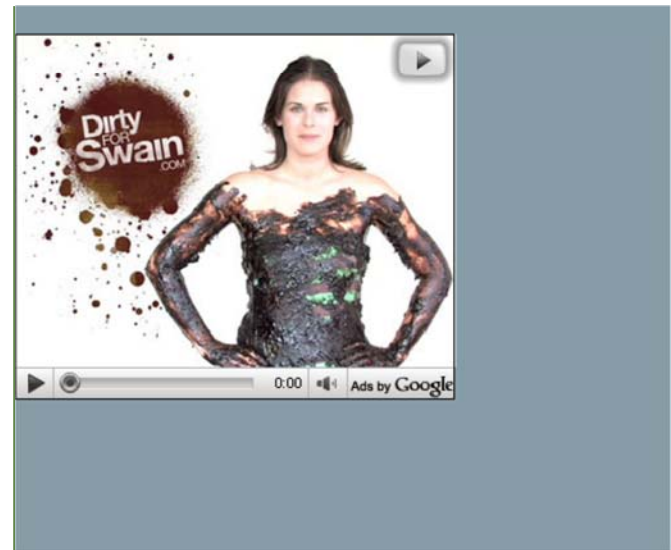
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# Figment Festival 2009: NY shows the intent to recycle

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Considering the enormous trash that we keep piling on, it's really good that recycling is fast developing into a trend nowadays. It becomes relatively better when a nation intends to fight this


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menace collectively. Consequently, the US, at New York, celebrates the purpose in continuing the three-years-old tradition of glorifying recycled art. The event, dubbed the [Figment Festival](#), was held at the New York's Governors Island this weekend, June 12-14.

- **Project:** Stir Up



**Artist:** Mollyne Karnofsky

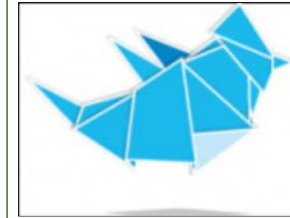
**Details:** The kinetic wire sculpture comes with an upward range. It makes use of recycled plastic bottles to form a snake-like creation. Along with it, other materials such as plastic, paint and other mixed media have been made use of.

**Location:** City of Dreams

- **Project:** Ema 絵馬 of Hope

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**Artist:** ShiZaru\_zoe

**Details:** Japanese tradition finds an outlet via Ema, a votive tablet meant for inscribing hopes and then designing it onto his plaque. It's truly innovative! I The resulting sculpture goes on to project an exciting blend of individual desires.

**Location:** Colonels Row

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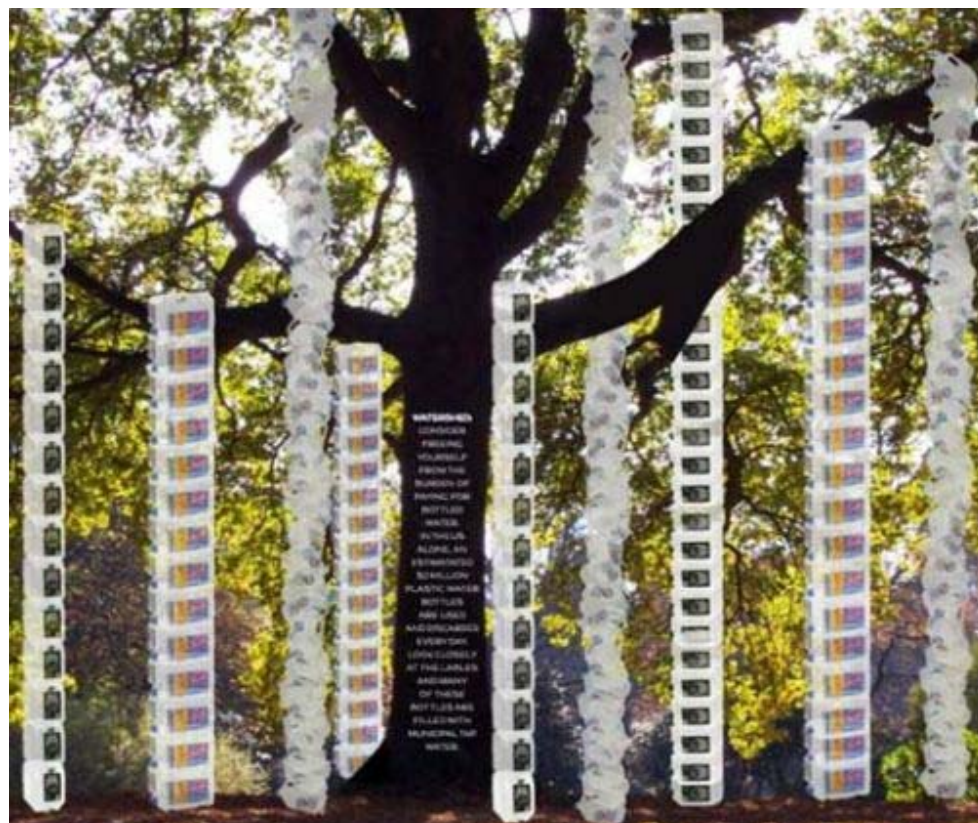
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**Artist:** Disorient / MSLK

**Details:** "Watershed" is a synthetic forest of 1,500 [plastic water bottles](#). "Watershed" urges the viewers to shun the habit of buying bottled water. Falling back on tap water is much more sensible.

**Location:** Parade Ground

- **Project:** Secret of 101

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**Artist:** Chin Chih Yang

**Details:** Chin Chih Yang's "123PollutionSolution" project transforms thousands of used aluminum cans into a vibrant landscape imitating a varied topography. The sculptural form represents an imaginary outer space village as a safe haven from the polluted Earth. Quite interestingly, the project invites the audience to add cans to the recycled landscape.

**Location:** Colonels Row

• **Project:** Galaxy, 2009

**Artist:** Randy Polumbo

**Details:** This unique craftsmanship makes use of recycled machine parts, sports objects, toys and reconstituted found objects from swap meets, rubber chickens, eight balls and bowling balls mounted on a steel armature. In a way, it is an expression of the ideas of transformation.

**Location:** Colonels Row



- **Project:** We care about you

**Artist:** Fabrice Covelli

**Details:** The project displays human actions and the reaction to restore normalcy. A spherical object slowly deflates and requires help from viewers to re-inject air and re-shape it. It is highly symbolic of our planet and the human activities hell-bent to deform it!

**Location:** Building 114 – Second Floor

- **Project:** [reCYCLE](#)



**Artist:** Katerina Usvitsky

**Details:** Katerina retrofits a vintage 1960s bicycle. Netting it through and through with yarn, she aims to announce this art-making technique which has been passed down through many generations — yet another example of recycling. It is both empowering and meditative, much like bike riding.

**Location:** Parade Ground

- **Project:** [#5](#)



**Artist:** Prototype

**Details:** The sculpture utilizes trashed cups that otherwise being non-biodegradable keep on polluting the environment. This work of art is beautiful, simple and aesthetically gripping. To me, it seems, it is the sorry plight of the planet in microcosm.

**Location:** Colonels Row

• **Project:** [Guns & Poses](#) Rosebush Garden installation

**Artist:** Natalie Giugni

**Details:** Steel, gun catalogs and fashion magazines recycled to make way for "Guns & Poses." A garden of three large rosebushes calls attention to the [fashion photography](#) and firearms based in illusion. Wholly symbolic flowers pay tribute to intrinsically feminine forms.

**Location:** City of Dreams



• **Project:** [Media Sculpture](#) (Unnamed)

**Artist:** Carla Aspenberg

**Details:** The mixed media sculpture is fashioned in fabrics and a recycled television set. It's a sarcastic representation of our attachment to technology.

**Location:** Building 114 – First Floor

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