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7 Things to Do With Your Kids in N.Y.C. This Weekend



“Cosmic Cavern,” Kenny Scharf’s disco-themed art installation, part of “Mickey: The True Original Exhibition” at 60 10th Avenue, on view through Feb. 10. Credit Craig Barritt/Getty Images

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‘MICKEY: THE TRUE ORIGINAL EXHIBITION’ at 60 10th Avenue (through Feb. 10). Mickey Mouse has been a constant in popular culture for decades, but that doesn’t mean that he’s been constantly the same. This 16,000-square-foot show celebrates Mickey’s 90th anniversary by charting his evolution from the gloveless, sharp-featured late-1920s version to contemporary iterations in which artists have rendered him abstract, three-dimensionally massive or even psychedelic. Curated by Darren Romanelli, the exhibition includes “Steamboat Willie Redux,” modern animators’ reimagining of Mickey’s first cartoon short; an enormous Mickey portrait by Keith Haring; “Supersonic Skein,” a vibrant mural crocheted by London Kaye; and Shinique Smith’s “Bale Variant No. 0026 (Ode to Mickey Mouse, My First Love),” a sculpture made of plush Mickey dolls. The show, which requires advance purchase of timed-entry tickets, will particularly delight young visitors with Sorcerer’s Way (a room devoted to Mickey’s role in Disney’s Fantasia) and the Mickey Mouse Club, a space to eat free ice cream surrounded by TV memorabilia. Children can also participate in a Mickey trivia game show and dance in the “Cosmic Cavern,” Kenny Scharf’s fluorescent disco installation inspired by the classic Mickey wristwatch.
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