

A trippy Mickey Mouse-inspired art exhibition opens in Chelsea this fall

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Though his youthful countenance may belie his years, true American icon Mickey Mouse is turning a whopping 90 years old this year. (If you ask us, he doesn't look a day over 85.)

To celebrate the major milestone, Disney has announced an immersive art exhibition opening in Chelsea this fall that will honor the cartoon mouse's legacy with Mickey-inspired artwork. Notable contemporary artists including Kenny Scharf, Amanda Ross-Ho and Shinique Smith will display original pieces at the temporary pop-up inspired by famous Mickey Mouse moments ranging from *Steamboat Willie* to the present day.

There will also be historic artworks on display in the space that have drawn inspiration from the Disney figurehead over the last 90 years, as well as a giant plush toy sculpture, a fluorescent black light room inspired by the Mickey watch and more interactive experiences.

"To me, Mickey is reminiscent of everything good from my childhood," said the show's curator, LA-based designer Darren Romanelli, "As I've come into my own as designer, I feel a true sense of passion for this project. Every inch of the experience, from the

artists participating to the different mediums featured to the building layout, was thought through with a level of detail and creativity we could only achieve with Mickey Mouse as our muse."

The 16,000-square–foot, jam-packed exhibition called "Mickey: The True Original Exhibition," will run from November 8 until February 10 at 60 Tenth Avenue. Tickets are \$38 and are available for purchase now on the exhibition's official site.

Can't wait until November? As a preview, you can take a 360-degree tour of one aspect of the show, Kenny Scharf's extra trippy "Cosmic Cavern," inspired by the iconic Mickey Mouse watch, below.