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A Giant Inflatable Ballerina Created by Jeff Koons Has Taken Over Rockefeller Center

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"Seated Ballerina" at Rockefeller Plaza

(NEW YORK) — A massive inflatable ballerina created by artist Jeff Koons is the latest public art installation at New York's Rockefeller Center.

The 45-foot (14-meter) work is called "Seated Ballerina." It was unveiled Friday and will be on display through June 2. The nylon sculpture is based on a porcelain figurine of a ballerina in a blue tutu.

Koons says the work "conveys optimism and a sense of potential for the future." He says the sculpture is intended to bring awareness to National Missing Children's Month.

"Seated Ballerina" is the third Koons work to take up residence at Rockefeller Center.

The artist's "Puppy" was installed there in 1992 and "Split-Rocker" in 2000. Rockefeller Center officials say "Seated Ballerina" will be deflated for safety reasons during inclement weather.