

Art Installation by David Brooks

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MYFOXNY.COM - If you've recently cruised down 8th Avenue in Manhattan you may have encountered a bizarre sight.

It is not an underground nightclub, a magical holiday village or a shopping center. It's the latest public art installation by David Brooks, commissioned by the Art Production Fund under the Times Square Alliance.

Brooks said it is a humorous commentary on global overdevelopment.

"It's something very familiar to us," he said. "It's not alien, it's not exotic. It's something we find right outside our city confines."

The sculpture sits on the corner of 46th Street and 8th Avenue--it's 5,000 square feet of roofing! Brooks says it's no accident it's only an avenue away from Times Square.

"We also have a landscape that's like a canyon of skyscrapers then we have a piece of land that's undeveloped at the moment that's at the bottom of that canyon," Brooks said.

People walking by the exhibit say it makes a powerful statement.

"I watched them build this, but when I saw it when it was done, it's exactly what the artist envisioned," one said,

Others had different ideas.

"I thought that they were actually going to talk about real estate," one person said.

"It's a roof and I can't understand why there's no rest of the house," another said.

To decide for yourself, you can come down and check out the exhibit. It will be here until February 5.

