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# THIS SEPTEMBER, JAGUARS ARE TAKING OVER NEW YORK CITY

An open-air art exhibition of vibrant, decorated jaguar sculptures in New York City serves as an invitation to discover the jaguar's unique power, resilience, and beauty. The result: inspiration for a movement on behalf of conservation for this majestic species and its habitat.



Source: Jaguar Parade NYC 2022/Onca-Mimética by Irmãs Gelli

# World Conservation Organizations Rally Together to Save the Americas' Largest Cat

Jaguar Parade NYC 2022, an open-air art exhibition of forty jaguar sculptures designed by global artists, will take over the streets of New York City on September 7 through October 5 to convene stakeholders and advance an urgent message; it's time to act.

The Jaguar Parade NYC 2022 is supported by **global conservation organizations**, including the United Nations Environment (UNEP), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), Panthera, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Lion's Share, in a coordinated effort to raise funds and awareness about the urgent need to conserve jaguars and their habitats. During the exhibition in New York, the sculptures will be available for sale from September 23 through October 7 via online auction, **100% of net proceeds will be donated to saving jaguars**.



"We must transform our relationship with nature to reverse the decline of jaguars and other species that we are losing rapidly. There has never been a more urgent time to invest in biocultural approaches and also restore our ecosystems to conserve jaguars than now" said Ligia Noronha, UN assistant Secretary- General and Head of UNEP New York Office.

Art can have a profound effect on the way we look at the world around us, and this **intersection of art and conservation** will help jaguars roar their message of hope and wildlife conservation, underscoring their vital role as keystone species. New York City may not be the natural habitat of the jaguar, but the Americas' largest cat is an iconic symbol of the same attributes New York stands for: **strength, beauty, freedom, and resilience**. Everyone is welcome to join. Every Jaguar Parade sculpture will include both braille and printed sign descriptions, enabling rich sensory experiences and meaningful connections. The jaguar sculptures will be exhibited at **Central Park Zoo, Tavern on the Green, UN Plaza, Times Square,** and other iconic places in New York City.

"In the city that never sleeps, we can create the biggest roar for nature and reach millions of people who live in New York and millions more from all over the globe to **inspire a purposeful collective movement**", said Giovane Pasa and Carol Barreto founders of Artery.global.

Jaguars currently inhabit 18 Latin American countries, from Mexico to Argentina. Though their present range is broad, jaguars have been eradicated from nearly half of their historic lands. The Jaguar is listed as "Near Threatened" on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

Conserving the jaguars means conserving tropical forests, wetlands, and other environments that are crucial to the wellbeing of humans and countless other species. The actions we take now will **benefit** generations to come.

Visit <u>Jaguar Parade NYC 2022</u>, discover where forty jaguars will be roaring into New York City this September.

We can save them; they can save us. This September let's roar together. #LETSROARNYC

#### **Notes to Editors**

## Artery.global

Artery is a social enterprise that runs art exhibitions to raise awareness and funds for NGOs dedicated to fighting for causes they believe in. They have organized successful editions of the most famous parades in the world and created their own projects like the Jaguar Parade. They aspire to go beyond the limits of four walls, turning streets and parks into open-air art galleries that connect a greater number of people to projects aimed at promoting citizenship and collective action.

#### Jaguar Parade

Jaguar Parade is an open-air art exhibition of decorated jaguar sculptures. It is an art installation with a purpose to raise funds and awareness about the urgent need to conserve jaguars and their habitats. Placing the jaguar sculptures in key public places brings the environmental cause to the forefront of the public's attention, reaching millions of people in a unique way. Jaguar Parade's first edition took place in Sao Paulo from October to November 2019, and at that time, was known as the largest open air urban art exhibition in the history of the city.



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## **Important Information for Media**

#### Jaguar Parade NYC Dates:

# **Press Preview Day (by invitation only- press rsvp to AG9.media)** Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:30pm ET, Tavern on the Green, NYC

## Public Exhibition in the Streets and Parks of NYC

Wednesday, September 7 - Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Website: Jaguar Parade NYC 2022 Instagram: @jaguarparade.global

**Please visit the website and social media above to get the latest Jaguar Parade NYC 2022 updates** Jaguar Parade NYC exhibition venues, calendar key dates, artist bios, sponsor updates, supporters' activations + projects, special outings, digital experiences, and press-room releases/images.

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