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Photos: 'Emergency Art Museum' brings colorful burst of culture to Campbell

Re-creations of world-famous pieces can be found in author's front yard



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CAMPBELL, CA - MAY 06: Anna Tsellas of Campbell, left, and her husband, Evan Tsellas stop by to look at a various replicas of world famous art works at "The Emergency Art Museum" in the front yard of Johnny DePalma's home on May 6, 2020, in Campbell, Calif. (Dai Sugano/Bay Area News Group)

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Even during a global pandemic, art never dies.

Neighbors living near Campbell's Jack Fischer Park have been gifted with an exhibition of world-famous art pieces — in one art lover's front lawn.

Johnny DePalma, a local children's book author, has created a pop-up art gallery, "The Emergency Art Museum," displaying replicas of 57 world-famous art pieces — from Banksy's "Balloon Girl" and Andy Warhol's "Campbell's Soup Can" to a giant version of Jeff Koons' "Balloon Dogs." The museum is free of charge to visitors.

DePalma says he created the pop-up gallery as a response to the lack of art resources available to children who are distance learning during the stay-at-home order in the Bay Area.

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