

Reimagined New York City Flags to Be Auctioned at Sotheby's

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Prominent artists, architects, and designers reimagined New York City's 1625 flag. Their creations will be sold off in a benefit at Sotheby's New York on February 26.

The auction, "Unflagging Commitment," will benefit NYC Landmarks50 Alliance. The group is comprised of dozens of public and private organizations working on a campaign to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the city's landmarks law. Signed into law by Mayor Robert Wagner in April 1965, the law led to what NYC Landmarks50 calls an "era of historic preservation."

The city's official flag has orange, white and blue stripes with the seal of the city in the middle and the year 1625. Its no accident that the colors are the same as the flag of the Netherlands. New York's first European settlers were from the Netherlands.

Though the numbers are continually changing, the city has about 1,400 individual landmarks, 115 interior landmarks, 10 scenic landmarks, 109 historic districts, and 10 historic district extensions located throughout all five boroughs. .

Sotheby New York is at 1334 York Avenue (at 72nd Street) in Manhattan. The cocktail reception and exhibit start at 6 p.m. for the RSVP-only event, and bidding starts at 7:15 p.m.

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