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WHAT The Roof by Pinaree Sanpitak
WHERE Brookfield Place, Winter Garden
230 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10281
DATE April 19-July 5, 2017
TIME 8:00AM-10:00PM daily
PRESENTER Arts Brookfield
COST FREE

THE ROOF CREATES A SANCTUARY BENEATH THE PALMS IN THE WINTER GARDEN AT BROOKFIELD PLACE, APR. 19 TO JUL. 5

Thai artist Pinaree Sanpitak's site-specific suspended sculpture celebrates collaboration and coexistence

New York, NY March 9, 2017 From April 19 to July 5, 2017, [Arts Brookfield](http://ArtsBrookfield.com) presents The Roof, a site-specific installation by celebrated Thai artist Pinaree Sanpitak. Taking inspiration from the canopy of palm trees that provide comfort and refuge in the bustling Winter Garden at Brookfield Place, Sanpitak cites the tropical trees thriving in the midst of a concrete-and-steel environment as embodying the processes of exchange, intersection, and coexistence.

Floating above the Winter Garden, The Roof is a composition of translucent canopies hanging among the palm trees, creating a literal but temporary 'roof.' Made from raw silk, glass fiber, non-woven fabric, wires, hooks, chains and aluminum modular truss, The Roof was created to interact with the architecture of Brookfield Place — as well as the palms and the people who pass through each day. The Roof creates a delicate, surreal shelter within the walls of the Winter Garden.

The Roof was conceived alongside a piece called Mats and Pillows (2017) at Tyler Rollins Fine Art, the title of which is taken from the Thai expression "one mat one pillow," referring to the determination needed to pursue a new life, and the hardship it can entail. Both installations represent a site to share, to pause, to stay and to exchange. Sanpitak seeks to convey a need for a space for hope and opportunities for all.

*"When I first visited the Winter Garden two years ago, I was so intrigued with the palm trees. They have become more than just a decorative element of the building," said **Pinaree Sanpitak, artist.** "Instead of just placing objects in the atrium, I wanted to 'collaborate' with the palms, the people, and the space as a whole. Being above or under or viewed from afar, I hope The Roof creates a living movement performance of 'bodies.' A shared 'roof.'"*

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"Arts Brookfield has always championed accessibility to arts and cultural experiences. The Roof's themes of coexistence and sanctuary feel especially poignant," said Elysa Marden, senior producing director Arts Brookfield. "We are proud to be home to Pinaree's beautiful public art piece, created specifically for the Winter Garden and its palms."

The Roof is a part of Arts Brookfield's ongoing commitment to visual arts programming. For more information about The Roof and a full schedule of events, visit: <http://www.artsbrookfield.com/roof>.

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