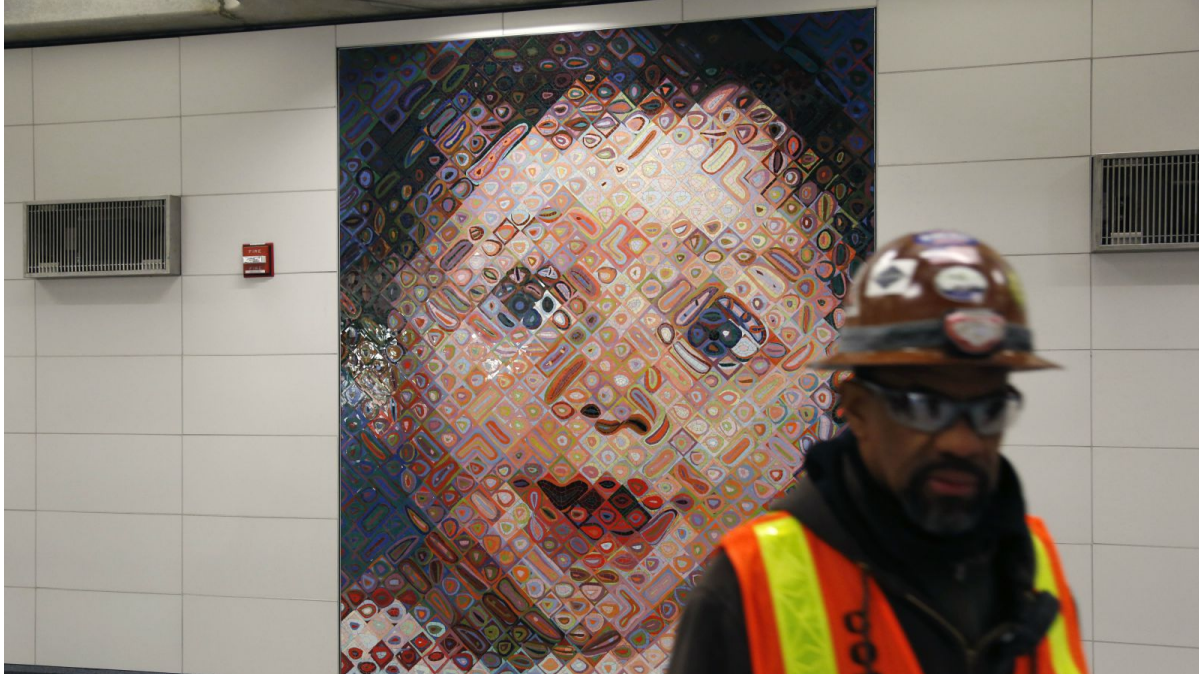


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Inside New York's \$4.5 billion art museum: the Second Avenue Subway



Underground art. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

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New York has been waiting almost a century for the city's Second Avenue subway line. And [on Jan. 1](#), the dream officially became a reality.

With the \$4.5 billion first phase of the project complete, the city's Q line will now stop at three new stations along the East Side of Manhattan, running up to 96th Street, and at an existing station at 63rd Street. While that might sound a bit underwhelming, passengers who head underground get an additional perk: a delightful array of art. New York artist [Jean Shin](#)'s work "Elevated," at the 63rd Street stop, provides riders with a look back at New York transit history, featuring the dismantling of the elevated rails in the 1940s.

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Setting the art aside, the subway stations and trains themselves also feature bursts of color:

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Admission is cheap compared to other New York art hotspots, at \$2.75. Expect crowds—and the occasional rat.