



DDB Spring Market Is Off, Pratt Cancels Commencement, and More News in New York

Here's what you need to know

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Hendricks Churchill's Oblong Valley Greek Revival project, which won a 2020 Bulfinch Award from the ICAA. Photo: Courtesy of Hendricks Churchill

The New York design world is always busy. Keeping up to date on all the news can be tough, which is why we're here to give you the news roundup for New York, a one-stop shop for everything you need to know.

Business

Pratt Institute Announces Changes to Spring Semester

Due to the growing coronavirus pandemic in the city, the Pratt Institute has made several changes to the remainder of its [spring semester](#) schedule. All Pratt shows, including the Pratt Fashion Show (May 7), the Design Show (May 13-18), and Awards Convocation (May 15), will be canceled. Pratt Institute's commencement ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, May 16, at Radio City Music Hall, has also been canceled. Students who qualify to graduate will still receive their degree and diploma.

Javits Center Considered as Possible Field Hospital Location

The governor is reportedly looking into the Javits Center as a possible site to convert into a field hospital, according to the [New York Post](#). The large Manhattan convention center—home to ICFF, BDNY, NY NOW, and other industry events throughout the year—could be managed by both FEMA and the Army Corps as an extra place to manage the infected.

Closings

All Nonessential Businesses Close in NYC

To help prevent the spread of coronavirus throughout the city, all nonessential businesses have been ordered to close, effective Sunday night. Many galleries and showrooms, like [Demisch Danant](#) and Maison Gerard, are continuing to operate remotely to help clients still working on projects.

Events

DDB Spring Market Has Been Canceled

The annual DDB Spring Market, scheduled for May 20 at the D&D Building, has been canceled due to the coronavirus. Because the situation is evolving, no rescheduled date has been confirmed at this time.

TEFAF New York Spring and Frieze Postpone Upcoming Fairs

Joining the long list of postponements and cancelations is the European Fine Art Fair's New York Spring Edition, which has been postponed. Originally scheduled to take place from May 8 to 11 at the Park Avenue Armory, the new show will be held from October 31 to November 4 in the same location. As a result, TEFAF New York Fall will not happen this year. The Frieze Art Fair also announced that it will be canceling this year's fair, originally scheduled for May 7 to 10 at Randall's Island Park. The show was supposed to showcase works from more than 200 different galleries, as well as a special exhibition by [Collective Design](#). The Frieze Sculpture project, which was supposed to debut in Rockefeller Center on April 22, will now be postponed until the summer.

WantedDesign Is Off

[WantedDesign](#) has decided to cancel both its Brooklyn and Manhattan editions for 2020. It was originally scheduled to coincide with ICFF as part of [NYCxD](#), which also announced its cancellation last week. According to a statement from the founders, WantedDesign will be in touch in the coming months and the situation evolves with news about future plans for the fair.

Awards

Hendricks Churchill Wins 2020 Bulfinch Award

Connecticut-based design firm Hendricks Churchill has been named a winner of a 2020 Bulfinch Award, given by

the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art, in the category of “Residential: New Construction Over 5,000 Square Feet.” Their project, called Oblong Valley Greek Revival and set just outside the city in Sharon, Connecticut, also won a Stanford White Award in 2019. The firm maintains an office in Sharon, as well as in the city at 287 Park Avenue. “The recent announcement from the ICAA New England celebrates our commitment to traditional design in architecture,” Rafe Churchill, cofounder and creative director of Hendricks Churchill, tells AD PRO. “Creating historically influenced buildings, while designing for modern living. As a firm, we are honored by this recognition and inspired to continue creating homes that respect our past and shape our future.”

Real Estate

Lawmakers Call for Construction Moratorium

According to a new report from [Curbed](#), lawmakers for the city are requesting a moratorium on all nonessential construction. Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, along with City Council members Brad Lander and Carlos Menchaca, are asking the Department of Buildings to cease all construction work on buildings other than emergency services.

“This painful step is needed as part of the city’s aggressive social distancing policy, to protect the health of construction workers, their families, and the general public,” said the three city officials in a letter to the mayor’s office. “Although some construction is outside, even in those cases workers gather in groups, travel via subway or van, and have to place their kids in childcare. Those are exactly the kinds of contact we must reduce in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by keeping all nonessential workers in their homes.”

Real Estate Market Pulled in Different Directions

The real estate market in New York is being stretched in many different directions. According to [CNBC](#), sellers are now reluctant to list their homes in fear that prices should dip lower. Buyers are postponing decisions to take up a new lease or mortgage, given the rates in the city. The average attendance of open houses in the city has also dropped 27% to just four to five people per event.