

Two artists painting in plain sight in Times Square

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Two well-known local artists have set up their easels in the windows of the historic Brill Building in Times Square and are working on their paintings as thousands of tourists pass by.



Artist Tom Christopher from South Salem, speaks about his work focusing on New York City, and his creative process. (Video by Dave Gershgorn/ The Journal News)

Tom Christopher and Andy Hammerstein, both of whose art work captures the frenetic energy of Manhattan, are also both from South Salem. They're painting in the windows every weekday from 4 to 10 p.m., through July 4. They started on June 17.

The Brill Building is on Broadway and 49th Street.

Christopher has spent much of his career focused on the Times Square area. Ordinarily, he does his preliminary sketches in the city and completes his paintings at Lift Trucks Project, a former forklift factory in Croton Falls, where he maintains a studio. He exhibits his work frequently in Paris and Brussels, and has a piece on permanent display at NYU Medical Center, on Park Avenue and 33rd Street. See a gallery of his work at lohud.com.

Hammerstein, the grandson of famed lyricist and librettist Oscar Hammerstein II, is the author of the 2010 book "The Hammersteins: A Musical Theatre Family."



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