Creating shared public spaces for art and play:

Lessons learned from Governors Island, New York
How have we defined “culture”?
Culture is in a **Box.**
Culture is for spectators.
Culture needs an appointment.
Or at least a ticket.
And what is the role of parks?
Parks are for passive recreation.
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Or active recreation.
Parks may allow “programming.”
But what does the public say?
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Culture is everything.
Including food.
Make art approachable.
Which is easier outdoors.
Children need to **play**.
And express themselves.
So do adults.
Even better together.
Culture can be created by anyone.
Including the “audience”.
It’s social.
Even with strangers.
Public spaces should let you relax.
And alleviate stress of urban life.
Opera houses should as well.
Created by and for New Yorkers,
Governors Island is NYC’s shared space for art and play.
Delighted to share our fun
(and lessons learned.)