

Scaling the Empire State Building, Angela Nikolau Invites the World to Hear Her Message of Love and Peace and to LOOK UP

LOOK UP Times Square currently on view in Venice, curated by Rachel D. Vancelette, reminds us all to continue to LOOK UP

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- As international headlines today focus on artist, filmmaker, and explorer Angela Nikolau following her climb of New York City's Empire State Building and her engagement to Ivan Beerkus, millions are now discovering the powerful message she has long wished to share with the world.

Since May 5, 2026, Angela's personal one-minute film has been presented as part of [LOOK UP Times Square](#), curated by Rachel D. Vancelette, within the European Cultural Centre's Personal Structures exhibition at Palazzo Mora during the 2026 Venice Biennale.

Angela is one of nearly one hundred internationally recognized artists, actors, photographers, musicians, dancers, athletes, environmental advocates, and cultural leaders invited by Vancelette to answer one simple yet profound question:

"What does LOOK UP mean to you?"

Each participant contributes a one-minute video sharing a personal message of hope, compassion, creativity, environmental awareness, resilience, and peace for the world.

Angela's contribution reflects on what LOOK UP means to her and offers a heartfelt message of love, courage, and perspective. Her words have been inspiring visitors to Venice since the exhibition opened on May 5.

Today's widely shared banner—



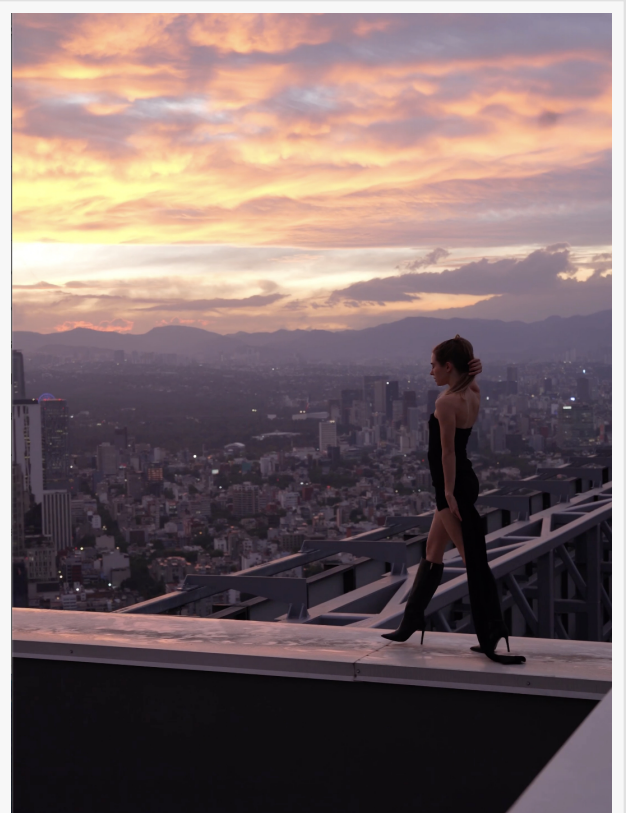
Angela Nikolau

"When the power of love beats the love of power,
the world knows peace."

beautifully echoes the message Angela has been
sharing through her participation in LOOK UP Times
Square.

Conceived and curated by Rachel D. Vancelette,
LOOK UP Times Square originated with its debut in
New York City's Times Square on Thanksgiving Day
2025, where it transformed one of the world's most
recognizable public spaces into an international
platform for art, inspiration, and global dialogue.
The project later evolved into its immersive
presentation within the European Cultural Centre's
Personal Structures exhibition in Venice.

In an interesting coincidence, Angela and Ivan had
previously discussed collaborating with LOOK UP
Times Square on a future high-profile approved
climb and live-streamed activation, making today's
global headlines an unexpected reminder of the adventurous spirit and universal message that
has always connected their work with the mission of LOOK UP.



Angela Nikolau LOOK UP: Times Square
to Venice

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Angela's message reminds
us that love rises above fear.
Through LOOK UP Times
Square, we invite the world
to share one sky, one
humanity, and one hope for
peace.”

Rachel D. Vancelette

The exhibition brings together an extraordinary
international community spanning contemporary art,
photography, film, music, dance, literature, sport,
philanthropy, environmental advocacy, fashion, and
culture. Participants include Academy Award-nominated
actor Sir John Hurt (1940–2017); pioneering American art
critic, historian, curator, and author Barbara Rose
(1936–2020); acclaimed British actor Ray Fearon; world-
renowned photographer Michel Haddi; celebrated portrait
photographer Andy Gotts MBE; internationally acclaimed
artist Shepard Fairey; sculptor Juan Garaizabal; artists

Lindsey Nobel, Nathan Brujis, Karen Bystedt, Matt Enger, and Micheline Klagsbrun; entrepreneur
and philanthropist Laura Geller; television personality and author Max Tucci; Greg Miller and
Dance Parade; Olympic artist Roald Bradstock; internationally renowned flautist Andrea
Ceccomori; poet Dania Lupi; Rossella Vasta; Arturo Casanova; Alessandro Belgiojoso; Buglisi
Dance Theatre; Angela Nikolau; and nearly one hundred artists, visionaries, performers,
environmental advocates, creative industry luminaries and cultural leaders from around the

globe.

Together, these one-minute films create a living archive of humanity, encouraging audiences to pause, reconnect with one another, and simply... LOOK UP.

The LOOK UP Times Square was invited by private invitation to the Venice Biennale, and will continue to travel the globe throughout the next year. The LOOK UP TIMES SQUARE TO VENICE exhibition remains on view through November 21, 2026, at Palazzo Mora as part of the European Cultural Centre's Personal Structures exhibition, with a special LOOK UP Conference and Closing Celebration taking place on November 21st featuring artist interviews, performances, discussions, and the announcement of new national international educational initiative with the Roald Bradstock and the Art of Olympians and many more exciting initiatives. For more followL www.lookuptimesquare.com

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Angela Nikolau and Ivan Beerkus

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