

# Father Duffy Speaks: America's First AI-Enabled Talking Statue Comes to Life in Times Square

*America's first AI-powered Talking Statue debuts in Times Square, offering an interactive way to experience history like never before.*

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We named the project Talking Statues in 2013. Back then, we used recorded voices, like we still do today, but we never imagined that a real conversation with a statue would be possible. Today, it is”

*David Peter Fox, founder & producer*

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The City of New York proudly announces the launch of the world's first AI-powered Talking Statue, bringing history to life in the heart of Times Square. The statue of Father Duffy, a revered figure commemorating those who served in World War I, now engages visitors with interactive, real-time conversations powered by cutting-edge artificial intelligence.

The Statue of Duffy has been a talking statues since 2017, but now he is updated with AI. This groundbreaking Talking

Statue project builds on the successful initiative, which began in Copenhagen in 2013 envented by documentary filmmaker, David Peter Fox and has since expanded globally with over 300 statues. The upgrade to AI technology enables Father Duffy not only to share his story in a live conversation with the bypasser; to answer questions, converse in multiple languages, and provide personalized interactions (see video attached).

Visitors simply scan a QR code to start a phone call with Father Duffy, where the AI-driven statue speaks, listens, and responds naturally. This innovation transforms public monuments into dynamic storytellers, offering a deeper, more engaging cultural experience.

Talking Statues is a collaboration between the Times Square Alliance and the [Talking Statues Association](#). The statue is currently being tested at Times Square. Please come by, try it out, and share your review in the app!

David Peter Fox, documentary filmmaker and creator of Talking Statues, comments: “This is a

milestone in cultural storytelling. Using AI to give a voice to history allows us to connect with our past in ways never before possible.”

The Father Duffy AI Talking Statue is free to use and accessible to all visitors at Times Square. Talking Statues Association encourages locals and tourists alike to experience this unique blend of technology and heritage.

For more information, visit [www.talkingstatues.com](http://www.talkingstatues.com) or Jens Jørgen Uldall, Talking Statues Association - [contact@talkingstatues.com](mailto:contact@talkingstatues.com)

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