

TWO HEARTS

On Valentine's Day, the average high in Times Square is a chilly 32 °F – a temperature antithetical to the warmth of the holiday. Meanwhile, steam with a temperature of 358 °F passes unseen just below Father Duffy Square as it circulates through the one-hundred mile long city-wide network. Two Hearts proposes tapping into the system to create a warm microcosm for the 370,000 daily visitors and their loved ones.

A heart-shaped radiator heats and excites the air above a large existing subway grating. The resulting heat haze visually signifies the boundary of this world. Inside, the air feels noticeably warmer. Touch seems the appropriate sense to activate this holiday – especially given the overwhelming sights and sounds of the surroundings. A red neon heart confirms the well-known holiday symbolism, and encourages viewers to look at their city below the surface to see the warm heart that's more than skin deep.

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