

Originally a Native American footpath and Dutch farm road, the Bowery stretches 1.25 miles from Chatham Square to Cooper Square. Washington marched down the Bowery after the British evacuation and Lincoln's anti-slavery speech at Cooper Union propelled him to the presidency. It saw America's first streetcars, first free college, and NYC's first free Black settlement. An early social hub for the working class, gangs, gays and immigrant Irish, Italians, Chinese, Jews and Germans, it has important links to baseball, tap dance, tattoo, Yiddish theater, vaudeville, the Astor family, Stephen Foster, Irving Berlin and Harry Houdini.

A long-time home to rescue missions and affordable jewelry, lighting and restaurant supply districts, its artists' community helped foster Abstract Expressionism, Beat Literature, and punk rock. Though listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this architecturally diverse streetscape is one of the city's most endangered historic treasures.

BEGINNING JULY 5, 2016

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7 East 7th Street | Astor Place & Cooper Square
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WINDOWS ON THE BOWERY

IN CELEBRATION OF NYC'S OLDEST STREET

A series of 64 window placards
celebrating the Bowery's remarkable,
but largely forgotten contributions
to American history and culture

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BOWERY@DIVISION STREET (DISPLAY AT 1 CATHERINE STREET)

Barnum's First Big Bamboozle: Washington's 161-year-old Nursemaid

2 BOWERY@DOYERS STREET

Gateway to Old Chinatown

11 CHATHAM SQUARE & **16** BOWERY

Birthplace of Modern Tattooing

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NYC's Oldest Brick House: Edward Mooney House (NYC Landmark)

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America's First Great Songwriter: Stephen Foster

37-39 BOWERY

High and Low Art at Influential Theatre

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The Bowery Boys

43-47 BOWERY

*A Forgotten Gem of "Lost New York:"
German Winter Garden/Windsor Theatre*

46-48 BOWERY

*The Bowery Theatre: Shakespeare, Tap Dance
& Jim Crow at America's Largest Theatre*

50 BOWERY

*George Washington Drank Here!
(Former site of Bull's Head Tavern & Atlantic Garden)*

58 BOWERY

*Renaissance-Inspired Bank for the Working Class
(NYC Landmark)*

BOWERY@CANAL (NW CORNER)

*From Footpath to Streetcars and Elevated Trains:
NYC's Oldest Thoroughfare*

97 BOWERY

NYC Landmark of Cast Iron

101-03 BOWERY

Freaks! Assassins! Giant Squids! (Former Dime Museum)

103 BOWERY

Site of famous Berenice Abbott photograph

104-06 BOWERY

Ghosts and Occasional Mayhem

105 BOWERY

*"A Carnival of Debauchery:"
Owney Geoghegan's Boxing Saloon*

114 BOWERY

Man Survives Leap From Brooklyn Bridge: Steve Brodie's Saloon

124-126 BOWERY

From Beaux Arts Bank to Bananas (Bowery Bank—NYC Landmark)

130 BOWERY

Bowery Savings Bank: A Stanford White Masterpiece (NYC Landmark)

134-136 BOWERY

Anti-Slavery Work in Federal-Era Houses

138 BOWERY

*Italian Theatre and Triple-jointed Wonders
(Former theatre/dime museum site)*

146-148 BOWERY

NYC's Oldest Operating Hotel

159 BOWERY

Faerman's Cash Registers: Ka-Ching!

161 BOWERY

*Hi-Tech Behind a Renaissance Revival Façade/
plus Shepard Fairey mural*

163 BOWERY

John Brown's Body on the Bowery

165-167 BOWERY

Vaudeville Hook Is Born!

184 BOWERY

Home of Photographer Robert Frank

190 BOWERY

*From Making Money to Making Art: Germania Bank Building
(NYC Landmark)*

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Christians, Cops, Elks and Anarchism: A 19th Century Meeting Hall

199-201 BOWERY

Birthplace of Vaudeville?

199-201 BOWERY

Yiddish Theater's First American Home

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200 Years and Counting! (Federal Era house)

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"Big Tim" Sullivan's Clubhouse

209 BOWERY

Longest-running Catalogue in America: Hammacher Schlemmer

215 BOWERY

Italian Renaissance Palazzo on the Bowery!

219-221 BOWERY

A Bowery Flop for 5¢ a Night: Alabama Hotel

222 BOWERY

Incubator for Art: YMCA Building (NYC Landmark)

227-229 BOWERY

140 Years of Help and Hope: The Bowery Mission (227—NYC Landmark)

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Charles Eisenmann's Photography Studio

235 BOWERY

*"Sidewalks of New York" Premieres on the Bowery
(Former site of London Theatre)*

265-267 BOWERY

Sammy's Bowery Follies: "Where the High Life Meets the Low Life"

268 BOWERY

Cigar Factory on the Bowery

BOWERY@HOUSTON

NYC's First Community Garden: Liz Christy Garden

295 BOWERY

McGurk's Suicide Hall

298 BOWERY

From Baseball to Houdini (Gotham Inn & Globe Dime Museum)

306 BOWERY

21st Century Fashion in a 19th Century House!

315 BOWERY

CBGB: Birthplace of Punk Rock!

316-318 BOWERY

Hats, Hardware and Horses (Italianate style NYC Landmark)

317 BOWERY

*America's First Great Black Comedian @ Alexander's Musee
(Dime Museum)*

319 BOWERY

World's Smallest Opera House

321 BOWERY

Then You Saw It/Now You Don't: Otto Mauer's Magical Bazaar

325 BOWERY

From Speakeasy to Tin Palace Jazz Club

325-335 BOWERY (REAR)

*Secret Cemetery/Secret Garden: New York Marble Cemetery
(NYC Landmark)*

330 BOWERY

CASTING AT CAST-IRON BANK: FROM TELLERS TO COCKETTES (NYC Landmark)

357 BOWERY

*Germania Fire Insurance Building in NYC's "Little Germany"
(NYC Landmark)*

BOWERY TO BROADWAY (FROM 4TH STREET TO ASTOR PLACE)

Vauxhall Gardens: Pleasure Garden of Fireworks and Music

5 COOPER SQUARE

The Hippest Place on Earth: Five Spot Jazz Club

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Paresis Hall: Gay Nightlife on the Bowery

27 COOPER SQUARE

Bowery Arts and Beats

COOPER SQUARE@ASTOR PLACE (7 EAST 7TH STREET)

*America's First Free University: The Cooper Union for the Advancement
of Science & Art (CU's Foundation Building—NYC Landmark)*

56-62 COOPER SQUARE

A Tower of Music: Carl Fischer Music Publishers Building

ASTOR PLACE

The Astor Place Riot!