



## Tony Feher Hangs Giant Red Buoys from Akron Art Museum Roof

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As part of his current [exhibition](#) at Ohio's [Akron Art Museum](#), New York-based artist [Tony Feher](#) is suspending [three giant red buoys](#) from the institution's roof.

The museum's home, renovated in 2007 by Austrian architecture firm [Coop Himmelb\(l\)au](#), incorporates historic buildings and modern architectural elements, including the dramatic "Roof Cloud," a steel and aluminum armature cantilevered over the museum and the street below. The 54-inch buoys hang upside down from this striking structure, hovering 20 feet above the street like cheerful wrecking balls.

Making Feher's vision for the public art installation a reality caused a bit of a spectacle, with lane closures and crowds gawking at the giant crane being used to hoist the buoys in place, as reported by the [Akron Beacon Journal](#).

Feher is known for his ingenious reinterpretation of seemingly mundane materials. In the museum's interior, he has transformed a simple hallway into a glowing blue passage by embellishing the windows with blue painter's tape for an installation titled *Judith Resnik*, in honor of the Akron astronaut who died during the 1986 Challenger explosion.

The buoys are already in place, and the full exhibition, organized by the [Blaffer Art Museum](#) at the [University of Houston](#), opens April 12 and will remain on view through August 17.