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## WEEKEND Arts MOVIES PERFORMANCES

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**KIMSOOJA** Long before “The Gates” arrived and departed, the city was a treasure trove of found art as unexpected as the first crocuses that push up against all odds each spring. Thrust an umbrella into the air in one Manhattan subway station and music plays from a nearby motion-cued installation. Slashes of wild color suddenly appear and disappear, painted high above pedestrian sightlines, on the brick wall of a Midtown building before demolition. And this weekend through June 10, passersby who happen to look up at the NBC Astrovision sign in Times Square will see flashes of video of a meditative woman, motionless in desolate and teeming environments, in the last minute of every hour, 14 hours a day from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. The images for “The 59th Minute,” produced by Creative Time, are taken from three videos by Kimsooja, a young Korean-born artist who combines video, performance and sculpture. One is “The Beggar Woman,” in which the artist stands in an identical pose with her back to the camera, watched by crowds in Cairo, New Delhi,

Shanghai and Tokyo. Ms. Kim lies on her side on a windy ledge in “A Needle Woman” and stands facing the Yamuna River in India as life moves by in “A Laundry Woman,” above. The lily will be gilded today by “Conditions of Anonymity,” a free hourlong group performance choreographed by Ms. Kim and presented in Times Square. Both the 40 dancers and the audience will range about the performance space. The performers will re-enact “The Beggar Woman” as a one-hour screening of the videos plays on the Astrovision screen. (“Conditions of Anonymity” will be performed today from 2 to 3 p.m. in Times Square at Broadway and 44th Street. “The 59th Minute” may be seen daily at 6:59 a.m., from 10:59 a.m. to 5:59 p.m., and from 7:59 p.m. to 12:59 a.m. on the NBC Astrovision by Panasonic screen at 45th Street and the intersection of Broadway and Seventh Avenue in Times Square. For information, call Creative Time at (212) 206-6674.)

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