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The Cows To Come Home This Summer

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For perhaps the first time since colonial Bostonians grazed livestock on the Boston Common, a herd of cows will appear in the city this summer.

These cows, however, are fiberglass. In the first week of June, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, its fundraising arm, will place 110 artist-designed, life-sized bovines at locations including Newbury Street, the Common, Copley Square, the Prudential Center, Quincy Market, South Station and Columbus Park.

"They'll be all over the city," said Lisa McEvoy, a Dana-Farber spokesperson. "Basically people will just wake up and they'll see cows on the street."

The herd will remain in place through Labor Day. The Jimmy Fund will then round them up for a September fundraiser benefiting cancer research.

The livestock are part of CowParade, which calls itself the



"The Boston T Cow," now at South Station, with creator Nanc Gordon and Jimmy Fund Chairman Mike Andrews

world's largest art exhibit. Beginning in Zurich in 1999, it has since been used to raise funds for various causes in cities around the world.

Most of the Boston cows will sit outside the offices or storefronts of sponsors, all of whom paid \$7,500. A small plaque on each will identify the artist and sponsor. Each cow has a unique

design. The animals weigh 150 pounds, but are attached to 400-pound cement slabs to dissuade potential cow-tippers or souvenir hunters.

Jimmy Fund representatives said they are also ready for vandalism. Any damaged or defaced cow will be removed, then repaired and returned.