

BENBEN

an interactive luminous artwork
by French artist-engineer Milène Guermont
in Jersey City, NJ

to celebrate *Liberty Enlightening the World*

Installation October 3rd – December 31st, 2026

Press launch with the Artist: Thursday Oct 1st, 4 pm
at Green Ring, Liberty State Park, Jersey City



BENBEN simulation in the *Statue of Liberty* Bay.

Within the scope of the 140th anniversary of the *Statue of Liberty*, an **historical artistic installation on multiple sites** by the French artist-engineer Milène Guermont is launched in the **United States**.

The first American ***BENBEN*** is installed at the Green Ring of Liberty State Park in Jersey City near *Lady Liberty* from October 3rd, 2026.

It will dialogue with the *Statue of Liberty* to celebrate its anniversary in the continuity of the artistic performance by Guermont with the *Eiffel Tower* ([movie](#)).

Then, this installation will expand to the other states of the USA: an exceptional luminous, federative artistic and technological adventure at a very special moment of our history.

Each first Saturday of the month from 7 pm to 8 pm the visitor can light ***BENBEN*** up at the rhythm of her/his own heartbeat by touching the cardiac sensor and get/customize/share the video of its interaction. The other days, the lighting is automatic for this piece of art and of engineering (innovative solar panels and custom-made LEDs, anodized aluminium and electronics) imagined by Guermont.

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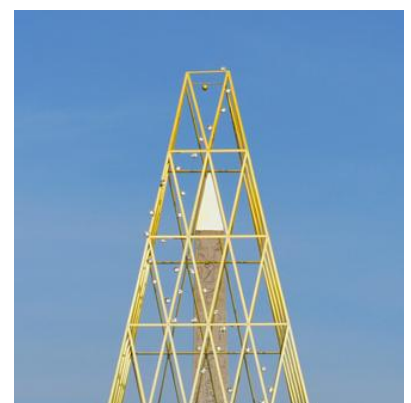
The inspiration for the first lighthouse designed by French artist Auguste Bartholdi is an Egyptian female serf (sketches right).



The structure of the *Statue of Liberty* is designed by French engineer Gustave Eiffel and fabricated in Paris (picture left).



PHARES is drawn by French artist-engineer Milène Guermont to perfectly extend *the Obelisk from Luxor* (pic right). It is the only artwork in all history to be erected on Place de la Concorde in Paris and which dialogued with the *Eiffel Tower* ([movie](#)).



“Benben” in Heliopolitan Egyptian mythology represents the primordial mound that emerged from Nun, the primordial ocean, and on which the sun appeared for the first time.

BENBEN is the missing peak of ***PHARES*** and so the pyramidion of the Obelisk from Luxor. Its color is the one of the *Statue of Liberty*. Like its mother work it is a frugal, innovative interactive artwork with a cardiac sensor.

About the artist-engineer



The artist-engineer Milène Guermont pushes the limits. Her works in Polysensual Concrete react according to the magnetic field of the one who touches them.

[BALANCE](#) sparkles at Père Lachaise, [PHARES](#) lights up on Place de la Concorde, with the Eiffel Tower lighting up in unison (film [here](#)).

She was commissioned to create the monument [INSTANTS](#) to celebrate the end of WWII

120 talents surpass themselves for the inhabitable total artwork [MAISON GUERMONT](#), where everything is art, up to the air we breathe there (open during the [IMMERSIONS](#)).

Among her latest distinctions: 100 Women of Culture, Jusserand Medal in San Francisco, Forbes Woman 2025, Knight of the National Order of Merit (by the French Minister of Sustainability with an official speech by the President of the J. Paul Getty Trust).

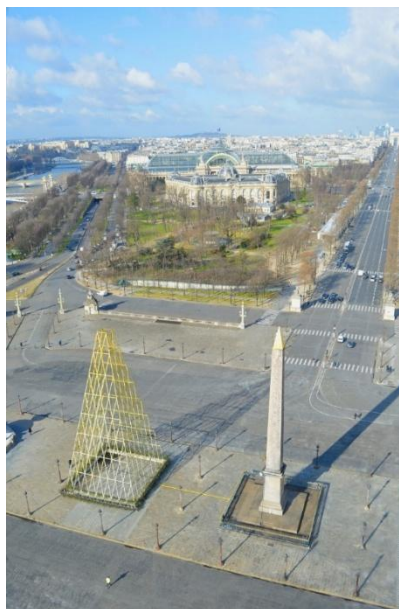
Her two latest solo-shows took place in the Louis Vuitton Foundation and in the Grand Palais Immersif.

Her monograph [PLEASE TOUCH](#), launched at Artcurial, explains 20 years of creation through texts by 30 authors and more than 500 illustrations.

"Milène's magical work takes us into new worlds, where she makes us feel at home even as we feel a sense of wonder" — Katherine E. Fleming,
President-General Manager of the J. Paul Getty Trust in Los Angeles, 2025.



Expert views [here](#)



[PHARES](#) visuals [here](#)



[BENBEN](#) visuals [here](#)

Press breakfast in France: November 3rd, 10 am at [MAISON GUERMONT](#) RSVP: julia@mileneguermont.com

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