

## "The Worlds We Speak"

Mariam Ghani's first tile mosaic, mounted in Delta Airlines Terminal C's baggage claim area, the multimedia artist Mariam Ghani has created a portrait of New York based on a data visualization of the more than 700 languages and dialects spoken in the area.

"The Worlds We Speak" presents six planetary clusters standing in for the city's five boroughs plus the tristate area. These spheres contain a multitude of smaller circles in a spectrum of vivid colors, each representing a linguistic community and engraved with the name of that language in its own script.

The tiles and panels were produced and fabricated by [NYTilemakers](#)

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