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Pop-up digital forest in DTLA? Yes, please

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Light projections showing artworks by Akiko Yamashita, left, and Refik Anadol are part of the outdoor Luminex show Saturday night. (Akiko Yamashita; Refik Anadol; photo illustration by Micah Fluellen / Los Angeles Times)

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Welcome to The Wild! At last, something to do on Saturday night that doesn't involve Netflix. For just one night, a forest will appear in downtown Los Angeles, part of an outdoor digital light show called "Luminex: Dialogues of Light."

At one site, look for a building-size projection of trees from different perspectives, one looking down on lush canopies, the other looking up from the intricate root system. Japanese artist Akiko Yamashita's artwork is inspired by her grandfather, who committed himself to planting trees in landscapes left empty after World War II.

Turkish artist Refik Anadol has also created a pop-up natural wonder for the city. His work transforms "the invisible patterns of wind in and around L.A. into a series of poetic data sculptures and projects them on the facade of the Desmond building in downtown L.A.," an online statement says.

Yamashita's "Forest Perception: If a Tree Talks in the Woods, Does Anyone Listen?" will be shown from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. at 1154 S. Olive St. "Wind of Los Angeles" will be projected from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at 1066 S. Hope St. Check out more "Luminex" works and where to find them here.