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City launches first-ever online Public Art Collection

WINTER PARK, FL (November 22, 2024) The city's Public Art Advisory Board (PAAB) is pleased to announce the launch of the city's first-ever online Public Art Collection. Accomplishing one of its top goals of 2024, the board worked tirelessly with city staff to create the new online catalog which features over 90 pieces of art representing various mediums from artists around the world. Each piece of the city's collection is now featured online with specific details including the artist, creation date, medium, photo and location of the art pieces, which are all installed in public city facilities or open spaces. The new online catalog also features a creative interactive locator map so art enthusiasts can easily find and visit each piece in person.



Known as the City of Arts & Culture, Winter Park has a long history of nurturing arts in the community. The city hosts major annual art events such as the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival (WPSAF), now in its 66th year, and the Autumn Art Festival, now in its 52nd year. A portion of the city's public art collection is actually comprised of the WPSAF "Best of Show" pieces from each year since 1969. The current year's "Best of Show" piece is always displayed in the lobby of City Hall located at 401 S. Park Ave., and is replaced each spring with the new winning piece. In addition to art installations throughout Winter Park's green spaces, pieces from the Public Art Collection are installed in various city buildings including the Library & Events Center, Welcome Center and City Hall.

Remaining true to its commitment to arts and culture, the city also manages the Winter Park Arts & Culture Alliance. Their mission is to enhance and improve awareness and visibility of the 22 non-profit arts & culture organizations within city limits which offer art programming to the public. To receive the quarterly Arts & Culture Alliance newsletter, register at wpinspires.org by selecting the *Sign up for newsletter* button, and then the *Arts & Culture News and Events* category.

Because the city's website is created with responsive design for accessibility, it ensures that everyone can view the collection regardless of the device they are using. Please access the Public Art Collection at cityofwinterpark.org/public-art from your laptop, tablet or mobile phone to be inspired. For additional information, please contact coneil@cityofwinterpark.org or 407-599-3506. ###

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