

Public Art Project by Beliz Brother Installing at the Bob Bolen Public Safety Training Complex



Installation of a public art project by Artist Beliz Brother is underway at the Bob Bolen Public Safety Training Complex in Council District 9. Brother was selected through the Fort Worth Public Art program to create an artwork that reflects the values of Police and Fire safety personnel and the communities they serve.

The sculpture is based on the shape of Fort Worth's Police and Fire Department patches, with two halves intersecting and supporting each other, expressing solidarity between the departments. Inside the large, curved form, unique shapes of numerous patches collected by FWPD and FWFD are water-jet cut into 1" thick corten steel, creating an overall pattern that will create intricate shadow play on the plaza at the entrance to the Administration building.

At approximately 14' feet in length and 9' high the artwork is scaled to create a place for people to take photographs (perhaps graduates of the training programs) as requested by representatives of the Fire and Police Departments. There will be a public dedication of the artwork this fall.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Beliz Brother is an awarded artist with more than twenty years' experience in public art. Known for engaging and thoughtful artworks that draw upon and reflect the experiences of different communities and user groups, Brother's commissions include site specific and integrated projects for Seattle City Hall; site specific projects for the University of Texas San Antonio; The Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose, CA; the Seattle Opera House, Seattle, WA and the Metro Transit program in St. Louis, MO, among many others. She has received a number of awards for her work, including a National Endowment for the Arts Visual Arts Grant and America for the Arts Public Art Network Best Public Artwork of 2009 Award. Beliz Brother lives in Seattle, WA.

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