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Public Art Dedication at East Division Police Station



Dedication of *Pieces of Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*

When: Friday, November 16, 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Where: East Division Police Station, 5650 E. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76112

The public is invited. Free. No RSVP required.

(Fort Worth, TX) – *Pieces of Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*, a multi-faceted painting by local artist Gregory Beck, is the latest commissioned artwork to be added to the City of Fort Worth's Public Art Collection. Located at the East Division Police Station in Council District 5, the vibrant artwork is inspired by the spirit of East Fort Worth and its ties to, and influences on, the City.

The overall work, comprised of 27 individual pieces and 8 large scale panels, illustrates a puzzle in progress. Each piece of the puzzle is inspired by East Fort Worth's historic relevance and cultural diversity. Showing the evolution of the community in Handley-Meadowbrook, the artwork references

signature elements of the area such as the Interurban Railway that ran from Fort Worth to Lake Erie and the Pike Drive-In Theater as well as portraits of present-day community members and City of Fort Worth police officers. This combination of past and present alludes to a bright future of which we are all a “piece of the puzzle.” The artwork is made up of water-jet cut aluminum sheets and automotive paint, totaling 900 layers of paint, and is approximately 10 feet high and 80 feet in length.

About the artist: Gregory Beck was selected through the Fort Worth Public Art program to create an artwork that reflects the values of Fort Worth Police Department the communities they serve. Gregory Beck’s artwork has been shown in fine art galleries and juried exhibitions locally, nationally, and internationally.

“Intrigued as to how and why visual art affects us, I take joy in continuing to explore and develop every aspect that art has to offer. My artistic goal to express the best of mankind, the love, happiness, strength, intricacies of relationships, history and the human endeavors in all facets of life. My philosophy is that life presents us with enough challenging and negative situations, and through art, I strive to offer the viewer an opportunity for temporary escape and visual enjoyment. I am dedicated to presenting art that adds a degree of beauty, mystery, and wonder into life and I am excited by the prospect of creating avenues of visual stimulation for public enjoyment.” – Gregory Beck

For more information, please contact Public Art Project Manager Michelle Richardson at 817.298.3040 (direct), mrichardson@artscouncilfw.org, or email TalkTo@fwpublicart.org.

About Fort Worth Public Art: Fort Worth Public Art is a City of Fort Worth program created to enhance the visual environment, commemorate the city’s rich cultural and ethnic diversity, integrate artwork into the development of the City’s capital infrastructure improvements, and to promote tourism and economic vitality. Managed by the Arts Council of Fort Worth with oversight of the Fort Worth Art Commission, FWPA strives for artistic excellence and meaningful community involvement. For more information, please visit www.fwpublicart.org.

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