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ArtAround Sculpture Tour Kicks Off In Roswell

Ten temporary pieces join six permanent ArtAround sculptures on this year's tour, which runs through March 2019.

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ROSWELL, GA — The Roswell Art Fund kicked off its third annual ArtAround Roswell Sculpture Tour with an opening celebration at Riverside Park. The free event was held near "Ice Pops," a sculpture added to this year's tour created by Florida-based artist Craig Gray.



Synovus is the sponsor of Ice Pops, and they were at the event handing out free King of Pops popsicles. Several children, along with ArtAround Roswell sponsors and members of the Roswell Arts Fund Board, participated at the ribbon cutting kicking off ArtAround Roswell 2018.

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"It was so fun to watch the kids interact with the art," said Catherine Storey of Synovus. "We loved handing out the pops to all of our neighbors and visitors who stopped by the celebration. Ice Pops is such a colorful and fun sculpture; it's perfect for this location."

The family-friendly celebration also featured entertainment, including local band Along for the Ride. FootNotes Dance and Acrobatics Studio had a few groups perform choreographed dances at the event.



Several other ArtAround Roswell sculpture sponsors also participated in the event. Randall-Paulson Architects helped the children with a fun STEAM activity, sand art. Aesthetic Specialty Centre Plastic Surgery & Dermatology were paired with face painter and gave away a chance to win a free facial. Carl Black Roswell Buick GMC provided "mini-tours" to some of the other nearby ArtAround Roswell sculptures. A.J. Argentina of Roswell Clay Collective at Roswell Art Center West gave demonstrations of pottery making, and artist Kathy King had pottery available for purchase at the event.

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Three new locations were added to this year's tour: Roswell Cultural Arts Center, Hembree Park, and Leita Thompson Park near the Arts Center West Entrance. The tour has also been extended by three months to run through March 2019. Along with Ice Pops, other sculptures on the 2018 tour include:

- "Celestial Fish" by Donald Gialanella at Roswell Area Park Lake, sponsored by Canton Place Development.
- "Granite Ring" by Chris Rothermel at Roswell Cultural Arts Center, sponsored by Miller Lowry Development.
- "The Uniting of Work and Spirit" by Robert Clements at Mill Park, sponsored by Randall-Paulson Architects.
- "Votive" by Gregory Johnson at Don White near Volleyball, sponsored by Lennar Multifamily Communities.
- "Open Low-Poly Heart" by Matthew Duffy at East Roswell Park Entrance, sponsored by Gas South.
- "Dual Nature by Cecilia Lueza" at Big Creek Park Entrance of Old Alabama Rd, sponsored by Aesthetic Speciality Centre Plastic Surgery & Dermatology.
- "Horse Apple" by James Hetherington at Leita Thompson, Arts Center West Entrance, sponsored by Pieper O'Brien Herr.
- "Social Tones" by Nathan Pierce at Hembree Park, sponsored by ALDI, Inc.
- "Ask the Fish 2.0" by Dr. Stephen Fairfield at Don White Park at 400 Bridge, sponsored by Carl Black Roswell Buick, GMC.

"We were happy to collaborate with the city of Roswell and Roswell Recreation and Parks on the ArtAround Roswell opening celebration," said Heidi Speckhart, development director of Roswell Arts Fund. "Our sponsor are amazing, and we appreciate all that they do to make the sculpture tour a success. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated at the opening."

For more information about the ArtAround Roswell 2018 sculpture tour or to learn about other initiatives of Roswell Arts Fund, visit <u>roswellartsfund.org</u>.

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