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4 Art Sculptures To Remain In Roswell

Reception, Sweet Pops of Brilliance and Sentience were bought by the Roswell Arts Fund and Steady was acquired by the Hagan family.

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ROSWELL, GA — The Roswell Arts Fund has purchased three sculptures from its 2017 ArtAround Roswell tour as gifts to the city. Reception, Sweet Pops of Brilliance and Sentience will all remain permanently in Roswell thanks, in part, to generous donations by local businesses and residents. Steady has been purchased by the Hagan Family Foundation.



The sculptures will join two other permanent pieces purchased from last year's tour, Smoke in the Historic Roswell Square and Oak Leaf Triptych in Roswell Area Park.

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Reception, created by Nigerian artist Fred Ajanogha, is located at the Roswell Riverwalk near the Chattahoochee Nature Center and the city's border with Cobb County. Reception welcomes visitors to the city, fulfilling a Nigerian tradition that visitors should be greeted by the most beautiful woman within the house and offered a gift. The sculpture made of stone cast is of an African woman, dressed in traditional attire, holding a drinking gourd as a peace offering.

Sweet Pops of Brilliance by artist Craig Snyder features man-made materials forged into a whimsical form, then infused with bright primary shades. The sculpture is made from various types of rolled and forged steel and hand-painted with bright patinas. This piece was created to remind people of their fun, happy memories with family and friends. Fittingly, it remains in East Roswell Park, near the lake, fields, paths and Recreation Center where these happy memories are made everyday.

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Ben Pierce's sculpture Steady will also remain permanently in Roswell, as a purchase of the Hagan Family Foundation. Steady will be on loan to the city for the ArtAround Roswell 2018 tour and remain in its current location at the East Trail entrance at Riverside Park through early 2019.

Steady is installed in one of the few sites which is visible to vehicle, pedestrian and bike traffic. From a distance its presence and simplicity provides a daily smile to commuters to and from work and play. Its purposeful design invites participation and photo ops.

Sentience by Atlanta-based artist David Landis will remain in the Heart of Roswell Park on Canton Street. This purchase was made possible in part by a \$10,000 challenge grant issued by the Roswell Downtown Development Authority. Matching funds were raised through the Roswell Arts Fund's Keep the Art! campaign which included the PartyAround Roswell gala event and donations from the local Roswell community.

"We have seen how the arts transcend our differences," said Rochelle Mucha, chair of the Roswell Arts Fund. "It is a universal language that facilities connections. We hope and trust that our community will continue to optimize the arts to strengthen and grow the city of Roswell today and in the future. Roswell Arts Fund is extremely grateful to the residents, businesses, visitors and community at large of Roswell who have made these purchases possible."

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