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Roswell Sculpture Tour kicks off with a bang

ArtAround Roswell features 13 works of public art

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The Roswell Arts Fund board brought 13 sculptures to Roswell. JULIA GROCHOWSKI/Herald

ROSWELL, Ga. — The 2017 Roswell Sculpture Tour is officially open and will soon be hosting monthly events centered around the art.

ArtAround Roswell kicked off its nine-month Sculpture Tour Saturday, April 22 with multiple performances by local groups. The three-hour celebration featured the talents of the Atlanta Taiko Project, Element Circus Artists, In Flight Gymnastics & Circus, and Ten Blocks Away.

Additionally, the first of the Makers in the Afternoon demonstration was held featuring Jennifer Freedman of Mosaic Odyssey.



This year, opening celebrations were held around the sculpture Sentience, created by David Landis, located at the Heart of Canton Street.

The sculpture is modeled after a bloodroot flower, because it has a “wonderful, dynamic quality, like a firework exploding,” Landis said. “I used stainless steel... Because it reflects clouds, sky, trees and people, bringing them into the work.”

There are a total of 13 sculptures this year, including two permanent sculptures bought from last year’s tour – Smoke and Oak Leaf Triptych – and a gift from Russian Artist Dima Alekseyev, Sky Maintenance, which will stay with the city for two years. The remaining 10 sculptures are all sponsored by local businesses.

Although the art is temporary, visitors can contribute funds to help the city buy and keep some of the sculptures.

“Public art helps to define our sense of place by capturing our history and imagining our future,” said Rochelle Mucha, board chair of the Roswell Arts Fund. “ArtAround captures our city’s modern spirit and Southern soul. Art, in its many forms, drives economic and social vitality.”

This year, ArtAround Roswell has coordinated a free audio tour guide app, Otocast, which houses additional information about the artists and their works.

The next event will explore clay and ceramics in an interactive demonstration by A.J. Argentia of the Roswell Clay Collective. It will be held June 24 at the Arts Center on Fouts Road.



To learn more about the tour and the sculptures, visit artaroundroswell.org.