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Roswell Arts Fund announces four ArtAround Roswell sculptures to remain permanently in the city

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'Sentience' by David Landis was the first sculpture from ArtAround Roswell 2017 to be purchased as a permanent installation in the Heart of Roswell Park on Canton Street.

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ArtAround Roswell continues to be a fixture in the city as Roswell Arts Fund announces the purchase of three additional sculptures as permanent installations in the city.

"Reception," "Sweet Pops of Brilliance," and "Steady" will join "Sentience" as sculptures from last year's tour purchased as gifts to the city.

According to Whitney Parks, spokeswoman for Roswell Arts Fund, "sculpture purchases were based on a number of factors, including location, price, and popularity."

"Sentience," by David Landis, was purchased last year in a joint effort between Roswell Arts Fund and the Downtown Development Authority, who issued a challenge grant, agreeing to match funds raised by Roswell Arts Fund up to \$10,000.

Matching funds were raised via the Roswell Arts Fund's "Keep the Art!" campaign, which included the PartyAround Roswell gala event and donations from the Roswell community.

"A focus of the campaign is to promote businesses or corporations to purchase the sculpture for its campus or private property," said Parks.

"Sentience" will remain in the Heart of Roswell Park on Canton Street.

Roswell Arts Fund expressed appreciation of "generous donations by local businesses and residents" that contributed to the purchase of the sculptures.

"We have seen how the arts transcend our differences" said Roswell Arts Fund Chair Rochelle Mucha.

"Reception," was created by Nigerian artist Fred Ajanogha and can be found at the Roswell Riverwalk near the Chattahoochee Nature Center and the border where Roswell meets 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," said a news release.

The sculpture is made of stone cast and depicts an "African woman, dressed in traditional attire, holding a drinking gourd as a peace offering."

"Sweet Pops of Brilliance," is a piece by artist Craig Snyder. It features man-made materials, such as types of rolled and forged steel, pieced into "a whimsical form, then infused with bright primary shades."

It was created to remind people of “fun, happy memories with family and friends,” which suits its location, East Roswell Park, near the lake, fields, paths and Recreation Center, where memories can be made every day.

A fourth sculpture, “Steady” will also remain in the city, by way of purchase by The Hagan Family Foundation.

“The Hagan family is very active in the Roswell community and we are delighted that they have purchased this piece,” said Mucha.

“Steady,” a work by Ben Pierce was purchased by the Hagan Family Foundation. At the helms of coordinating the purchase is Brooke Hagan McGee, who also serves on the Arts Fund board.

This sculpture is installed in one of the few sites 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,” said a news release.

Intentions for the piece is currently for it to remain in Riverside Park at the East Trail entrance, through early 2019.

The four sculptures 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.

Mucha describes art as “a universal language that facilitates 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,” she said.

According to the Georgia Council for the Arts, “Arts play an essential role in education, cultivating the next generation of entrepreneurs, leaders, inventors, and creative problem solvers that will place Georgia as a leader in the global economy.”

Roswell Arts Fund Selection Committee has chosen the sculptures and locations for the third annual ArtAround Roswell Sculpture Tour.

“Steady” will be on loan to the city for the 2018 tour, intended to open on April 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Riverside Park.

More information about Roswell Arts Fund and the ArtAround Roswell 2018 sculpture tour is available at www.roswellartsfund.org.