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***Roswell Arts Fund Announces Fifth Annual ArtAround Roswell Sculpture Exhibit
and Virtual Ribbon Cutting Tuesday April 28th***

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Roswell Arts Fund is thrilled to introduce the ten temporary sculptures featured in the fifth season of ArtAround Roswell.

ArtAround Roswell, a partnership initiative with the City of Roswell, is a public art sculpture collection hosted in various outdoor sites throughout the city's acclaimed park system, historic district and at private businesses. This free "museum without walls" features sculptures from the city's permanent collection and temporary pieces loaned by the artists to the city for 11 months from April to March. All of the temporary pieces are available for purchase.

The sculptures were selected by a public art panel based on criteria including quality, diversity and how the sculpture would spark conversation and activate spaces.

Announcing 2020 ArtAround Roswell Temporary Sculptures and Sponsors

- *Fish Tender* by Jim Collins, located at Roswell Mill
- *Oraiste Agus Liath* by Aisling Millar, located at Riverside East Park, sponsored by Van Epps, LLC
- *Cloud 9 Under Scrutiny* by Justin Desiter, located at Big Creek Park
- *Turning Seasons* by Mark Kruke, located at City Hall, sponsored by Synovus
- *Fold* by David Landis, located at and sponsored by Variant Brewing Company
- *Continuum* by Nathan Pierce, located at East Roswell Park, sponsored by ALDI, Inc
- *Lost Horizon* by Mike Wsol, located at Riverside West, sponsored by Carl Black Buick GMC Roswell
- ** *Jack Was Optimistic* by Chris Plaisted, located at Roswell Area Park, sponsored by The Hagan Family Foundation
- ** *Lunar Eclipse* by Hanna Jubran, located at Don White Park
- ** *Earworm Whisper Bench* by Jim Gallucci, location TBA, sponsored by Turner Construction Company

** *Installation for these sculptures has been temporarily delayed due to COVID-19.*



Virtual Ribbon Cutting

Roswell Arts Fund's staff and board invites the community to help welcome the 2020 ArtAround Sculptures to Roswell!

Executive Director Ghila Sanders says, "Even though we are in a time of social distancing we will not let it stop the arts. They can be an incredible tool for strengthening community, for healing and for recovery. While we wish we could be together in person we invite the community to join us online and celebrate the new sculptures and what ArtAround Roswell has brought to the community for the past five years."

Join us virtually for the premiere of a special ribbon cutting video featuring the 2020 artists. The video will be released across multiple social media platforms Tuesday, April 27th at 3:00 pm.

Additionally, we invite the community to participate in the opening by sharing a selfie and sign showing a word or short phrase that completes the phrase "ArtAround Roswell, 5 years of _____". (A *template is included with this release.*) We will be sharing these on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Platforms links where video will be available:

Roswell Arts Fund LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/Roswell-Arts-Fund/>

Roswell Arts Fund Instagram TV (IGTV): <https://www.instagram.com/roswellarts/>

Roswell Arts Fund Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/RoswellArts/events>

Roswell Arts Fund Website: <https://roswellartsfund.org/initiatives/art-around-roswell/current-sculptures/>

Virtual Community Engagement

In addition to exploring the sculptures while safely visiting the parks and trailways, Roswell Arts Fund is excited to offer virtual engagement opportunities and activities to enhance the experience of Roswell's museum without walls.

- **Otocast:** A free app that offers a guided audio tour with commentary from the artists about their inspirations, materials and processes. The app can be used from home or at the sculptures. In addition to ArtRound, the Otocast app allows you to visit other sculpture collections around the country. The app is available at Apple and Google Play.
- **Public Art Google Map** Roswell Arts Fund has created an interactive Google map featuring the public art in Roswell. Click on different icons and from the comfort of home be transported to that location <https://roswellartsfund.org/map/>
- **Roswell Arts Fund Website -** Visit the RAF website to learn more about ArtAround Roswell including past sculptures, the permanent collection, the new temporary art and artists AND apply to be part of the Public Art panel.
- **Roswell Arts Fun Page** – Coloring pages and word games for children



Images

*Images of all temporary sculptures can be found at <https://roswellartsfund.org/initiatives/art-around-roswell/current-sculptures/>

Suggested Images

1. *Oraiste Agus Liath* by Aisling Millar, located at Riverside Park East, sponsored by Van Epps LLC.
2. *Fold* by David Landis, located at and sponsored by Variant Brewing Company.
3. *Turning Seasons* by Mark Krucke, located at City Hall, sponsored by Synovus.

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About Roswell Arts Fund

Roswell Arts Fund, an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is the designated arts agency for the City of Roswell. Roswell Arts Fund was founded to strengthen the scope of the arts in our city and to champion the ability of the arts to excite the imagination, strengthen public places, and encourage conversation. Through each of our initiatives, Roswell Arts Fund aims to IGNITE conversation, INSPIRE residents, visitors, and businesses to create, support, and become engaged and IMPACT the economy by making Roswell a destination for the arts

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