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***Roswell Arts Fund Announces 6th Annual ArtAround Roswell Sculpture Exhibit
and Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021***

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ArtAround Roswell

Roswell Arts Fund is delighted to introduce the new temporary sculptures featured in the sixth season of the ArtAround Roswell Sculpture Tour.

A partnership initiative with the City of Roswell, ArtAround Roswell is an outdoor public art sculpture collection hosted throughout the city's acclaimed park system, historic district and at private businesses. This free "museum without walls" includes large scale, monumental sculptures from the city's permanent collection and temporary pieces loaned by the artists for a period of 1 to 2 years depending on the rotation cycle. All of the temporary pieces are available for purchase and potential collectors may contact info@roswellartsfund.org for more information.

The 2021-2022 call, which was released in December of 2020, received attention nationwide.

"It's thrilling to see how in just 6 short years ArtAround has become a beloved tradition in Roswell, widely respected within the artistic community around the world and has helped put our city on the map as a destination for the arts! This year we received over 80 entries from artists across the US – including GA, NC, AK, TX, NY, LA – and from as far away as India and England. After such a challenging year, it's been great to see so many cities around us invest in public art as an important tool in the recovery process. Our hope is for Roswell to continue being a leader in this effort."

– Ghila Sanders, Executive Director

Led by RAF's Public Art Manager Elan Buchen, the sculptures were selected by a public art panel based on criteria including quality, diversity and how the sculpture would spark conversation, delight visitors and activate public spaces. Additionally, as we move away from a year that was focused on isolation and distance the artists and panel members were asked to select pieces that spoke to the theme of CONNECTION for the 2021-2022 temporary collection. Each sculptor has delivered a unique vision of how that theme can be explored including intertwining materials, incorporating a change in perspective and scale, connection to community and the simple act of encouraging visitors to sharing their experience with others.

Roswell Arts Fund is grateful for the local businesses and individuals who generously invest in Roswell's creative economy and thriving community. Sponsors for the 2021-2022 ArtAround Roswell season include: Jim and Buff Van Epps, Variant Brewing Company and Synovus.

Would you like to learn more about how becoming a sponsor can provide visibility for your business? Connect with Ghila Sanders at ghila@roswellartsfund.org for more information on the variety of sponsorship opportunities with Roswell Arts Fund.



Discover More Ways to Connect with ArtAround and Roswell Arts Fund

- **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 ArtAround, the Otocast app allows you to visit other sculpture collections around the country. The app is available at Apple and Google Play.
- **Experience the BRAND NEW Along the Way Virtual Tour** An exciting new way to discover and explore the permanent sculptures in ArtAround and Bike Rack Project collection.
<https://roswellartsfund.org/virtualtour>
- **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 RoswellArtsFund.org to learn more about ArtAround Roswell, upcoming tours and events and RAF's additional programming like Pop Up Concerts, Roswell in Print and the Artists Marketplace.
- **Share the Experience:** The RAF team wants to hear from the community and we encourage residents and visitors to send their feedback to info@roswellartsfund.org, sign up for our newsletter and tag us (#RoswellArts) in their pictures and stories on Facebook and Instagram.

New 2021 ArtAround Roswell Temporary Sculptures

- *Vector* by Will Darnell (Douglasville GA) , located at Roswell Mill
- *Nesting* by Richard Herzog (Athens GA) , located at City Hall
- *Bear Off* by Jason Sweet (Marietta GA), located at East Roswell Park
- *Waiting for a Train of Thought* by Charlie Brower (Willis VA), located at Riverside West
- *BHD* (Bad Hair Day) by Jeffie Brewer (Nacogdoches TX), located at Variant Brewing Company

ArtAround Roswell Temporary Sculptures Remaining from 2020*

*Due to installation delays in 2020 and in an effort to increase continuity between temporary collections, RAF has changed the model of bringing in 10 new sculptures each year to a 5 x 2 model. Unless purchased, sculptures will remain on display for 2 years and each season will rotate 5 new temporary sculptures into the collection.

- *Oráiste Agus Liath* by Aisling Millar, located at Riverside East Park
- *Fold* by David Landis, located at Big Creek Park
- *Jack Was Optimistic* by Chris Plaisted, located at Roswell Area Park
- *Lunar Eclipse* by Hanna Jubran, located at Don White Park
- *Earworm Whisper Bench* by Jim Gallucci, Roswell Library

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- Images for three of the new sculptures can be found here:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/roswellartsfund/albums/72157719243424410>



- *BHD* by Jeffie Brewer, Located at Variant Brewing Company
Waiting for a Train of Thought by Charlie Brouwer, Located at Riverside Park
Nesting by Richard Herzog, Located at City Hall

Ribbon Cutting

Roswell Arts Fund's staff and board will welcome the 6th Season of ArtAround with a Ribbon Cutting in front of the sculpture *Nesting* at City Hall. The celebration will begin at 3:00 pm Wednesday May 26th, 2021.

To limit large crowds we ask that if any member of the press would like to attend, please RSVP to becky@roswellartsfund.org

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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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