

Public Art Exhibition Announced

Connect/Disconnect: Public Art Louisville 2015 will explore Louisville's urban riverfront



Mayor Fischer is pleased to announce Connect/Disconnect, a public art exhibition in Louisville that will take place during the fall of 2015. Louisville Metro Government, in conjunction with the Commission on

Public Art (COPA), has invited artists to transform a unique riverfront site at the Ohio River through an exhibition of site-specific, temporary public art installations. Through compelling and interactive art projects, Connect/Disconnect will invite visitors to explore and contemplate the riverfront in its present state and engage with the many layers of our vibrant post-industrial river city.

Connect/Disconnect is the inaugural project of Louisville Metro Government's Public Art Initiative. The project builds upon recommendations from the Louisville Public Art Master Plan that was developed to encourage art in public spaces, adding to the city's vitality. The exhibition site is located between East Portland and Downtown Louisville along the Riverwalk/Louisville Loop, between 8th & 12th Streets and north of Rowan & Washington Streets.

"As we strive to strengthen the physical and social connections within our Louisville community, our public spaces become charged with energy and possibility," said Mayor Fischer. "I look forward to experiencing the creative vision that artists are bringing to an under used urban site on the River."

The exhibition will launch in late August, and continue through November of 2015. A series of art installations and community events will work in unison to activate the site. An innovative group of local, regional, and national artists were invited to submit proposals for the projects that will be installed in August, including Mary Carothers, Jenny Kendler, Mark Reigelman, Jean Shin, and Simparch (Steve Badgett and Matt Lynch).

In addition, Mayor Fischer announced an open call for artists based in Louisville and Jefferson County for event-based installations, performances, and/or programs to further activate the riverfront and enrich the visitor experience during the Connect/Disconnect exhibition. Please visit the Public Art Initiative Opportunities page for more information and details regarding submission <http://louisvilleky.gov/government/public-art/opportunities>

Through an unprecedented public/private partnership between Fund for the Arts, Community Foundation of Louisville, and Louisville Metro, those interested in creating arts experiences in Louisville public spaces are invited to support the exhibition by making a donation through power2give. Donations from the community will be maximized by a one-to-one match.

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