

Palm Springs Public Arts Commission

Beautiful Shade:

January 2025

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Monarch Magic
Adrian Litman

CorTen steel
15' T x 10' W





Monarch Magic - Stainless steel and Corten sculpture.
15 feet tall bt 10 feet wide at the top.

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Artist Statement

For the past 25 years, I have been working on a variety of projects for Civic, Corporate, Business and Residential clients, integrating art into architecture as well as designing free standing two and three dimensional pieces that create a sense of encounter and engagement through visual distinction or interaction.

As an artist, I find inspiration and fuel for creative expression by contemplating the world around me. My inspiration is enhanced by concepts introduced by contemporary science, social issues, politics and cultural diversities. I use abstract and figurative interpretations to convey messages and emotions with sensibility, combining control and passion. Depending on the scope of design, volumes, shapes and vibrant luminous colors are crafted to converge in an elegant harmony, stimulating the mind and emotions of the viewer.

Having an eclectic approach to design, I feel comfortable flowing from dramatic subjects to whimsical and humorous themes. I have a broad range of diverse artistic skills and experience of working with a variety of durable materials like stainless steel, copper, brass, bronze, porcelain and glass as appropriate for harmonious integration with the site's architectural style and environment.

The public art project for the Beautiful Shade program offers a beautiful opportunity for visually enhancing the selected park art installation locations and creating a memorable experience for the visitors.

This project presents a great interest to me because of the multiple options for materials use and creative design possibilities. The locations are adequate for Stainless Steel or CorTen kinetic sculptures with elements that creates an identity and a sense of place for the neighborhood.

Such public artwork installations can include functional elements like benches and bike racks. Concept proposals are illustrated in the attached renderings with size and materials details:

A. Budget up to \$50,000

1. Dynamic Feathers - proposal for Ruth Hardy Park
2. Feathers in Motion - proposal for Ruth Hardy Park

B. Budget up to \$25,000

1. Monarch Magic
2. Shady Leaf

Both proposals make reference to the cultural heritage of the nine Native American tribes living in the Coachella Valley around Palm Springs.

I visited Palm Springs many times and have been participating many times in the sculpture shows on El Paseo in the neighboring Palm Desert. It would be with great pleasure and professional satisfaction to create a sculpture for the City of Palm Springs.

In all my public art projects I had to work at various levels with government agencies, architects and structural

engineers and met with members of the art commissions and community to discuss the details of design and projects implementation.

All of my public art projects involved a certain level of local code restrictions and technical constraints depending on location, materials, public safety and the structural engineering guidelines.

In regards to my artistic practice I have to say that creativity and inspiration to produce high quality innovative and timeless, meaningful artwork comes from a hard work process of research, brainstorming and cooperating with people of various skills who might be part of putting together the final art piece.

As a basic principle, I create public art designs with flexibility in order to allow the project stakeholders and community input and participation.

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I started to learn about art at a very early age, playing with art materials in my father's Art Design and Restoration studio. In 1964, I was accepted into the Fine Arts High School N. Tonitza in Bucharest, Romania where I studied art techniques including drawing, painting, graphics, engraving, sculpture, fresco, mosaic and ceramics. After finishing the Fine Art High School, I attended the National Art Institute, graduating in 1974 with a Master's degree in Graphic Arts Design. Since 1980 when I relocated to California, I worked as a Graphic Designer and Art Director in the San Francisco Bay Area until 2002 when I retired from the corporate world and started Adrian Litman Art & Design Studio. I create an eclectic body of commissioned art pieces for Civic Public Art, Corporate and private clients, including custom paintings, murals, frescoes, mosaics, sculptures, stained glass panels, fountains and wall treatments, all of which facilitate the harmonious integration of art with architecture.

Education Fine Arts High school "N. Tonitza" - Bucharest, Romania.
University of Bucharest National Art Institute "N. Grigorescu",
Bucharest, Romania. Master in Graphic Arts Design.

My current artistic activity includes about 40 public art projects in eleven cities in California and Oregon and more than 100 art pieces in private collections in ten countries of the World.

Selected list of Civic and Commercial completed art projects:

* City of Porterville, CA

Two stainless steel and CorTen kinetic sculptures funded by the Clean California Grant celebrating the Tule River American Native ancestry. June, 2024.

"Eagle over the Tule Hut" - 16'W x 167'H.

"Dance of the Ancestral Feathers" - 16'H x 8'W.

* City of Petaluma, CA

Four sculptures installed at the Haven at Deer Creek housing development. May, 2024.

"Magic Birds" - Corten and stainless steel kinetic sculpture. 8'H x 4'W x 4'D.

"Monarch Butterfly" - Stainless steel and Corten sculpture. 5'H x 5'W.

"Hearts Carousel" - stainless steel kinetic sculpture. 14'H x 6'W x 6'D.

"Creatures of the Land" - Stainless steel kinetic sculpture. 14' x 6'W x 6'D.

* City of Cloverdale, CA

"Bunny Serenade" - CorTen sculpture - 3'w x 8'H - Installed in downtown.

"Hammurabi Code" - CorTen sculpture - 4'w x 11'H - Installed in downtown.

April, 2024.

* City of Santa Rosa, CA

"Celebration" - Stainless steel sculpture - 8'H x 3'W - Installed in downtown. November 2023.

* City of Los Altos, CA

"Joyful Rhythms" - Painted wood blocks sculpture - 6'H x 4'W x 4'D. April 2023 - Rosita Park, Los Altos, CA.

* City of Santa Rosa, CA

"Tame the Fire" - Stainless steel sculpture - 14'H x 3'W x 2'D. Installed in July 2022.

* City of Los Altos, CA

"Cosmic Bliss" - Stainless steel kinetic sculpture. 14"H x 7'W x 7'D. Installed in N. El Monte Park. April 2022.

* City of Mountain View, CA

"Magic Birds" - Stainless steel kinetic sculpture. 15"H x 12'W x 12'D.

"Shoreline Wonders" - Corten and copper sculpture. 15'H x 7'W x 3'D.

Both sculptures installed in February 2022 at Pyramid Park in Mountain View, CA.

- * City of Newport Beach, CA
"Celestial Carousel" - stainless steel kinetic sculpture - 15'H x 12'W x 12'D. Installed in June 2021.
- * City of Palm Desert, CA
"Celestial Cluster" - Stainless steel kinetic sculpture - 13'H x 6'W x 6'D. Installed in November 2020.
- * City of Santa Rosa, CA
"Foamy Delight" - Stainless steel sculpture - 7'H x 3'W x 2'D. Installed at the corner of 4th st. and E st. August, 2020.
- * City of Cloverdale, CA
"After Tubbs" - Painted wood block sculpture - 7'H x 6'W x 4'D. Installed in July 2020.
- * City of Santa Rosa, CA
"Splash & Fire" - Stainless steel sculpture installed in front of Fire Station #1. 8'H x 6'W x 2'D. 2020.
- * City of Milpitas, CA - Centre Pointe
"Convergent Energies" - Stainless steel sculpture for Centre Pointe new condo development entrance.
16'H x 12' Diameter. Installed in December, 2019.
- * City of Elk Grove, CA
"Historic Elk Grove" - Mural design depicting the milestones in the City of Elk Grove history from 1850's to nowadays.
10'H x 25'L. Installed in November, 2019.
- * City of Elk Grove, CA
"The Grapes of Wrath" - Stainless steel sculpture installed in the Alley of the Arts next to the new Community center.
4'x4'x12'. Installed in May, 2019.
- * City of Milpitas, CA - Centre Pointe
"Scape Undulations" - Powder coated steel and stainless steel low relief design on a 4'H x 180'L concrete wall.
Installed in April, 2019.
- * City of Pasadena, CA - downtown location.
"Galactic Cluster" - Kinetic sculpture - 10' diameter and 16' high. Installed in March 2018.
- * City of Los Altos, CA - Village Park
"Alegria" - Kinetic sculpture - 8' diameter and 15' high - August 2017.
- * Geyserville, CA - Sculpture Park.
"Cosmic Fusion" - 15' tall kinetic sculpture - installed in May 2016.
- * City of Geyserville, CA - Sculpture park
"Silver Tulip" - 7'W x 3'D x 15' tall kinetic stainless steel sculpture - 2017.
- * City of Cloverdale, CA - downtown.
"Morphing Orbits" - 15' tall kinetic sculpture - installed in May 2016.
- * City of Cloverdale, CA - downtown.
"The Four Seasons" - 15' tall metal sculpture - 2017.
- * City of Hillsboro, OR - downtown.
"Dynamic Orbits" - 17' high stainless steel kinetic sculpture - installed in 2016.
- * City of Los Altos, CA - Village Park.
"Magic Garden" - 14' tall sculpture - installed in August 2015.
- * City of Napa, CA.
"Celestial Orbits"- 14' high sculpture installed in downtown Napa, CA. Completed in 2013.
- * City of Milpitas, CA - Alviso Adobe Park art project.
Large outdoor "Historic Farm Wagon" sculpture. Completed in December 2012.
- * City of Marin, CA - Martin Luther King School.
"MLK Legacy" Art on acoustical panels installation. Completed in 2011.
- * City of Milpitas, CA - The new Senior Center art project.
Four wall sculptures, Fireplace mosaic and a large Mural. Completed in 2011.
- * City of Milpitas, CA.
"Birds of Paradise" -The Transit Shelter art project. Completed in 2011.
- * City of Napa, CA.
"Chinook" sculpture - The Napa River Art program. - 14' high metal sculpture. Completed in 2010.
- * Stanford University School of Law - Stanford, CA.

"The Four Elements of the Universe" - Six sculptures, one fresco and six paintings project for the lobbies of the five newly constructed Munger buildings on Campus. Completed in 2016.

* City of Campbell Development Dept. - Campbell, CA.

"Elegant Energy" - 250 SF mosaic design for the Park Towne Place located in the Historic downtown Campbell, CA. Completed in 2011.

* Kaiser Permanente Hospital - Fremont, CA.

"Phoenix Resurrection" - 14' H metal sculpture - Completed in February 2012.

* DIAP Architects & Planners - San Mateo, CA.

Fresco a secco on cement panels 50"x74" - reception area. 2008. Several Stained Glass Window designs. Office area. Completed in 2010.

* El Farolito Restaurant - Healdsburg, CA

Interior wall sculpture and outdoor signs project. Completed in October 2014.

* Da Anza Cupertino Aquatic Center - San Jose, CA.

"Youth Dynamics" - Stainless steel sculpture - 4' x 34' - suspended above the swimming pool. Completed in 2012.

Stained glass window - 5.5' x 5.5' - reception area. Completed in 2012.

* Fremont Surgery Center , MedSpa29 - Fremont, CA.

Copper and brass water feature sculpture. 3'x3'x9'. Completed in 2008. Stained Glass window - 3' x 3'. 2009.

* Mental Health Association of Alameda County , CA.

Complex sculpture hanging design to improve the looks and acoustical quality of the offices. Completed in 2008.

* Humane Society - Palo Alto, CA.

Animal copper design sculptures for display on six windows (6'x8'). Completed in 2008.

* Alameda County Art Commission, Oakland, CA.

Alternate mosaic design for the new Castro Valley Public Library. Completed in 2007.

* San Francisco Perinatal Associates - San Francisco, CA.

12 oil paintings project for a new 10,000SF medical office. Completed in 2007.

* Rackable Systems - Fremont, CA.

Oil painting - 48x48" - purchased for the permanent collection. Completed in 2007.

* Redwood City, CA - Finalist for the First Responders Memorial art project. 2024.

* Capitola, CA - Finalist for Begonia Festival Commemorative project. 2023.

* Moorpark, CA - Finalist for the Tierra Rejada Park project. 2023.

* King City, CA - Finalist for the downtown sculpture project. 2023.

* City of Milpitas, CA - Finalist for the Montgomery Overpass mural. 2021.

* City of Alameda, CA - Finalist for the Alameda College of Liberal Arts art project. 2021.

* City of Las Vegas, NV - Finalist for Southwest Ridge art project. 2021.

* City of Fremont, CA - Finalist for the Dustenberry Park art project. 2020.

* City of Sunnyvale, CA - Finalist for the Swimming Center project. 2019.

* City of Santa Rosa, CA. - Finalist for the Meter Made art project. 2016

* City of Wylie, TX. - Finalist for the Disc Golf Park art project. 2016.

* City of Davis, CA. - Finalist for the 3rd. street art project. 2012.

* City of Snoqualmie, WA - Finalist for the new Community Center sculpture design. 2011.

* City of Santa Clarita, CA - Finalist for the Aquatic Center Mural design. 2010.

* Union City Art Board - Union City , CA - Finalist metal art design for the Union City Sports center. Completed in 2009.

* Brighton, CO. - Finalist metal art design for the new Government building.

Completed in 2009.

ATTACHMENT B: QUOTE/PRICING SCHEDULE

1. Quote your best price, including freight, for each item. All blanks in the Quote/Pricing Schedule **MUST** be completed. In case of a discrepancy between the Unit Price and the Total, the Unit Price shall be considered correct. Contractor will be required to meet the City's Insurance Requirements prior to executing the work.
2. In submitting this quote, the vendor certifies that the prices in this quote have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other vendor or competitor, for the purpose of restricting competition with regard to prices.
3. If shipping is required shipping shall be quoted FOB Destination, Freight Included.
4. **DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE:** 40% of contract amount will be disbursed upon contract execution, 40% of contract amount will be disbursed after all required permits have been issued and the artwork is fifty percent complete (to be verified with photographs), 20% of contract amount will be disbursed upon completion, installation, and acceptance by City).

Estimated budget for the Monarch Magic and Shady Leaf sculpture designs.

DESCRIPTION	ITEM	QTY	UNIT PRICE	PRICE TOTAL
Materials	Various metal componenets	Various	Various	\$ 3,000
Fabrication	Drawings, metal cutting, welding, etc	Multiple	Various	\$ 8,000
Exterior Finishes	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Transportation	Packing & Shipping	Packing and truck rental	Various	\$ 2,000
Installation	Grade preparation and installation	Concrete pad and installation	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,500
Structural Engineer				
Insurance	Liability & Car	Certificate and Endorsement	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400
Artist Fee		Project coordination	\$125/HR	\$ 8,000
Total				\$ 24,900