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KC STREETCAR KICKS OFF ANOTHER SUMMER OF ART

2020 Art in the Loop Artists Announced

(Kansas City, Missouri) – The KC Streetcar Authority, along with the Art in the Loop Foundation, is pleased to announce the 2020 Art in the Loop artists and art installations.

The <u>2020 Art in the Loop Project</u> is a curated outdoor exhibition of temporary artworks presented in partnership with the <u>KC Streetcar Authority</u>. The artwork will be displayed at streetcar stops, along the streetcar route and wrapping one streetcar vehicle from May through September. This year marks the seventh for the Art in the Loop Project, and fifth for the KC Streetcar Authority, and includes artwork based on photography, painting, digital animation, sculpture, and more.

"Perhaps there is no better time than now to elevate public art and make it accessible to a wider audience," said Donna Mandelbaum, communications director of the KC Streetcar Authority. "We hope that this year's art will shed a bright light during these uncertain times. We are proud to continue to partner with the Art in the Loop Foundation, bringing engaging art to our riders while supporting our amazing local artist community," continued Mandelbaum.

The following are the temporary installations and performances planned onboard the streetcar and at select streetcar stops from May through September:

Artist and Art Installations:

- Barry Anderson, Waiting Rooms, (KCity Post Kiosks)
- Ari Bonner, Out of Sight, Out of (My) Mind (Union Station Stop)
- Robert Castillo, Hold (Power & Light District Stop)
- Megan Ganey, So Long & Good Luck (River Market West Stop)
- Ada Koch & Glenn North, Hope & Gratitude (KC Streetcar Vehicle)
- Nazanin Amiri Meers, Light Breaks Where No Sun Shines (Kauffman Southbound Stop)
- William Plummer, Mol Mir, Steph Nowotarski and Jason Pollen, Planaria Passages (Metro Center Northbound Stop)
- <u>Jessica Rogers</u>, 36/36 Series, Quilt Patterns (Crossroads Southbound Stop)
- Hubbard Savage, My Dungeon Shook: A Portrait of James Baldwin (Library Southbound Stop)
- <u>Will Vannerson</u>, Shiny Piece of Giant Ginger or S.P.O.G.G. (City Market)

Artists are selected for the annual program through an online application process open to artists in the Kansas City metropolitan area. A selection panel consisting of local artists, curators, educators, and community members reviewed over 70 applications and selected 10 artists teams for the first phase of the 2020 Art in the Loop Project.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has caused the team to adjust in a number of ways, including postponing any performance art as well as the official Art in the Loop Kick-Off event. The event will be rescheduled and reimagined to coincide with Artist Walks and performances later in the summer.

For more information about the project and the artists, visit www.artintheloop.com, www.artintheloop.com, For Art in the Loop inquiries, please contact Ann Holliday with the Downtown Council at 816.979.1072 (direct) or by email at ann@downtownkc.org.

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