The ABC's of Public Art

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Celebrating over 50 years of arts leadership, The Arts Commission is a nonprofit organization based in Downtown Toledo, Ohio. The Arts Commission serves Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan to develop and promote visual, performing, and literary arts. The organization’s mission includes youth programming, and programs that explore opportunities for economic development and revitalization.

The Arts Commission is the longest standing arts commission in the state of Ohio, developing and promoting the arts in the community since 1959. The organization has administered the City of Toledo’s One Percent for Art ordinance since 1977, which uses a percentage of public tax dollars to commission, acquire, and maintain works of public art for the community.
Hi, I'm Artimus the Owl. Follow me as I learn many new words while taking pictures of the Public Art in Northwest Ohio.
A is for ARCH

1. Ottawa Gate
2. Small Park with Arches
B is for BIRD and BEAR

3 Woman with Birds

4 Polar Bear Bench
C is for CANDY and CLOUDS
D is for Daddy and Daughter
E is for Eye
F is for FIREMAN and FLAME.
G is for Gate
H is for Horse and Hare
I is for INSECT and INLAY
18 Ruth

19 "I Got It!"

J is for Jump and Joy
K is for Kabuki
L is for LINTEL

21 Vietnam Peace Arch

22 Propylaea
M is for MURAL

23 Toledo Grows

24 Restoration Union
O is for ORANGE

27 Major Ritual
P is for PIANO
R is for Round

31 Manhole Covers
S is for Swing
33 Monument To A Tree
34 Sun Obelisk

T is for Tree and Tower
U is for UNDER

35 Tribute Memorial
36 Arborous Nine

V is for VERTICAL
38  Watching For The Wind

Y is for YELLOW
Z is for ZIG ZAG

39 Swan Waves
1) Ottawa Gate

3) Small Park with Arches
   Alice Adams, NY, 1984, Stainless Steel, Toledo Botanical Gardens, One Percent for Art.
   This example of "Small Park with Arch" represents an interpretation in metal of the original wood sculpture which stood from 1944 until 2005.

5) Harvard Circle Fountain
   Hans van de Bovenkamp, The Netherlands, 2000, Stainless Steel, Broadway at Harvard Blvd., One Percent for Art.

7) Family
   Penelope Jencks, MA, 1984, Bronze, Promenade Park, One Percent for Art.

9) Tragic Mask

11) Fire Station 13
    George Greenamyer, MA, 1987, Painted Steel, Brick, Front Street at Conrail, One Percent for Art.

13) Serve & Protect
    Carl Floyd, OH, 1994, Steel, Limestone, Scott Park Police Station, One Percent for Art.

15) The Noble Horse
    Peter Busby, CT, 1999, Steel, University of Toledo Rockwell Hall.

17) Mud Life
    Mags Harms, MA, 1996, Brass, Kleis Park, One Percent for Art.

18) Ruth

19) I Got It!
    Frank Gaylord, VT, 2002, Bronze, Fifth Third Field.
36) Tribute Memorial
Evan Lewis, IL, 2011, Stainless Steel, Concrete, Tribute Memorial Park, One Percent for Art

36) Arborous Nine
Harry Wheeler, OH, 1976, Wood, Toledo Botanical Gardens, One Percent for Art

37) Perspective Arcade
Athena Tacha, Greece, 1980, Steel, Toledo Civic Center Mall, One Percent for Art

38) Watching for the Wind
Roy Wilson, PA, 1989, Aluminum, Toledo Botanical Gardens, One Percent for Art

39) Swan Waves
Athena Tacha, Greece, 1996, Brick, Boeschenstein Park at the Middlegrounds, One Percent for Art

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Art in Public Places

Toledo, Ohio boasts a collection of more than 80 works of public art. Much of this collection was developed through the efforts of involved citizens who enacted a 1977 ordinance, which uses a percentage of public tax dollars to commission, acquire, and maintain works of public art for the community. Toledo was the first Ohio city to adopt such an ordinance and remains a leader in the field of public art.

This publication features artworks from the City of Toledo’s One Percent for Art collection, which is administered by The Arts Commission through its Art in Public Places committee. The committee is responsible for the acquisition, conservation and restoration of this robust collection. Its administrative role also includes community education related to the understanding and enjoyment of public art. The ABC’s of Public Art also features several works from other collections in Northwest Ohio.

Included in this publication are photographs of large-scale sculptures, murals and functional structures by noted artists from our region and from around the world. These artworks are displayed in the downtown area and throughout many of Toledo’s neighborhoods. We encourage you to explore this diverse collection, which has been acquired through the years from public, corporate and private support of the arts in Toledo, Ohio.