

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

URBANART COMMISSION

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Waterfall | Melissa Dunn
Memphis International Airport





South City Sculpture Project
Artist: Terry Lynn
South City, Memphis, TN

IN 2022 UAC COMPLETED **13** PUBLIC ART PROJECTS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN:

Frayser, Whitehaven, South Memphis, Mallory Heights, Hickory Hill, Downtown, Cordova, Westwood, Raleigh, Orange Mound, Douglass



7
newly
commissioned
projects



Over \$2 million in active project contracts

93

artists supported in the last year through active projects and programs

90%

of artists selected are based in Memphis



UAC Artists and staff pose during our Artist Happy Hour in September 2022



54%

artists of color

48%

wxmen artists

25TH ANNIVERSARY



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UAC celebrated the organization's silver anniversary in grand style at the Wiseacre Tap Room on Broad Ave. in November 2022. Artists, partners, board members and friends gathered to enjoy tunes by DJ Bizzlebluebland, temporary art installations by Sarah Crawford and Lindsey Julien, Sophia Mason and Ahmad George, and a sparkling wine toast provided by Joe's Wines & Liquors.

Special thanks to event sponsors Wiseacre Brewing, A2H and Nike for helping make it a spectacular evening.





Silver 25th Anniversary Party Installation
Lindsay Julian + Sarah Crawford
Wiseacre Brewing Co. Memphis, TN

MOVABLE COLLECTION - HOSPITALITY HUB



The Hospitality Hub, Memphis, TN

MOVABLE COLLECTION - HOSPITALITY HUB

UAC is pleased to partner with the Hospitality Hub to commission new artwork for three areas inside the new barrier-free women's shelter under construction in downtown Memphis, funded by the City of Memphis' Movable Collection.

The Hospitality Hub provides vital services to the unhoused population in Memphis and the new women's shelter is designed to facilitate healing from trauma and introduce immediate stability to unsheltered lives. Paired with top-tier, 24/7 case management, emergency shelter provides a necessary baseline for rebuilding a life.



UAC team members learn about the Hospitality Hub Studio spaces.

Hospitality Hub, Memphis TN.



Local artists Lisa Williamson, Hope Hudson and Taropop Studio (Kong Wee Pang & Jay Crum) were selected from an open Call to Artists in late 2022 to create new artwork for the staircase, family room and dining room respectively.

UAC team members touring the brand new hospitality hub hotel family room where public art will soon be on display.



NEW PUBLIC ARTISTS




The Sinkhole | Sarah Elizabeth Cornejo

NEW PUBLIC ARTISTS

UAC launched the inaugural New Public Artist Fellowship in partnership with the University of Memphis Department of Art in 2021 with support from ArtsMemphis and Perkins Everett Lighting & Controls. NPA is an intensive professional development program for artists who are interested in expanding their artistic practices and pursuing large-scale sculpture commissions.

The selection committee for the fellowship prioritized awarding the opportunity to artists of color and women - as a primary goal for the program is to address the lack of diversity and equity in the field of public sculpture.



Our 2021 cohort included artists: Ahmad George, Brittney Boyd Bullock, Sophia Mason, LaAndrea Deloyce, Khara Woods, Tracy Treadwell, Kenneth Alexander, and Sarah Elizabeth Cornejo.

NEW PUBLIC ARTISTS

In 2022, NPA fellows installed temporary public art projects on the University of Memphis campus as the conclusion to the program. A group show highlighting the studio work of the fellows was also installed in the Fogelman Galleries at the university.

We are incredibly pleased to have opened a new Call to Artists this year for the 2023 NPA Fellowship, with support from the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Power Strip | Sophia Mason



Love's Stare | Ahmad George





New Public Artist Fellowship Gallery Exhibition: Fabrica
Artists in view: Tracy Treadwell (sculpture), LaAndrea
Deloyce (hanging)
University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



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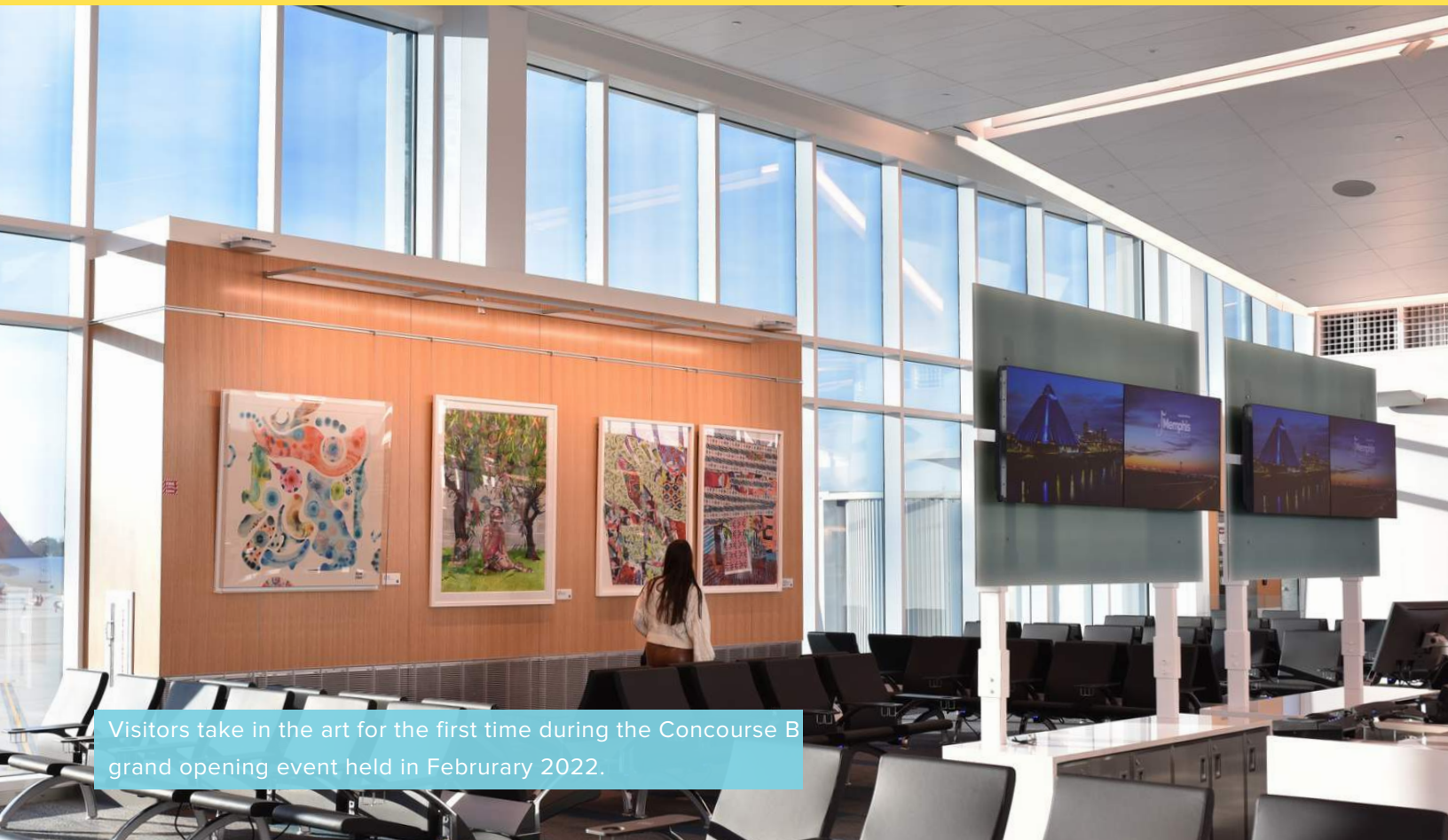
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Memphis International
Airport, Memphis TN



MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

In February 2022, UAC was honored to support the unveiling of the new public art collection for the B Concourse at the Memphis International Airport. Beginning in 2020, UAC worked closely with the Memphis Shelby County Airport Authority and design and construction teams to create a world class art program for the concourse. Over 60 artists based in and connected to Memphis are represented in five site-specific public art commissions, four rotating installations, and a collection of 44 artworks installed in the gates throughout the concourse. All five of the site-specific installations were led by Memphis artists.

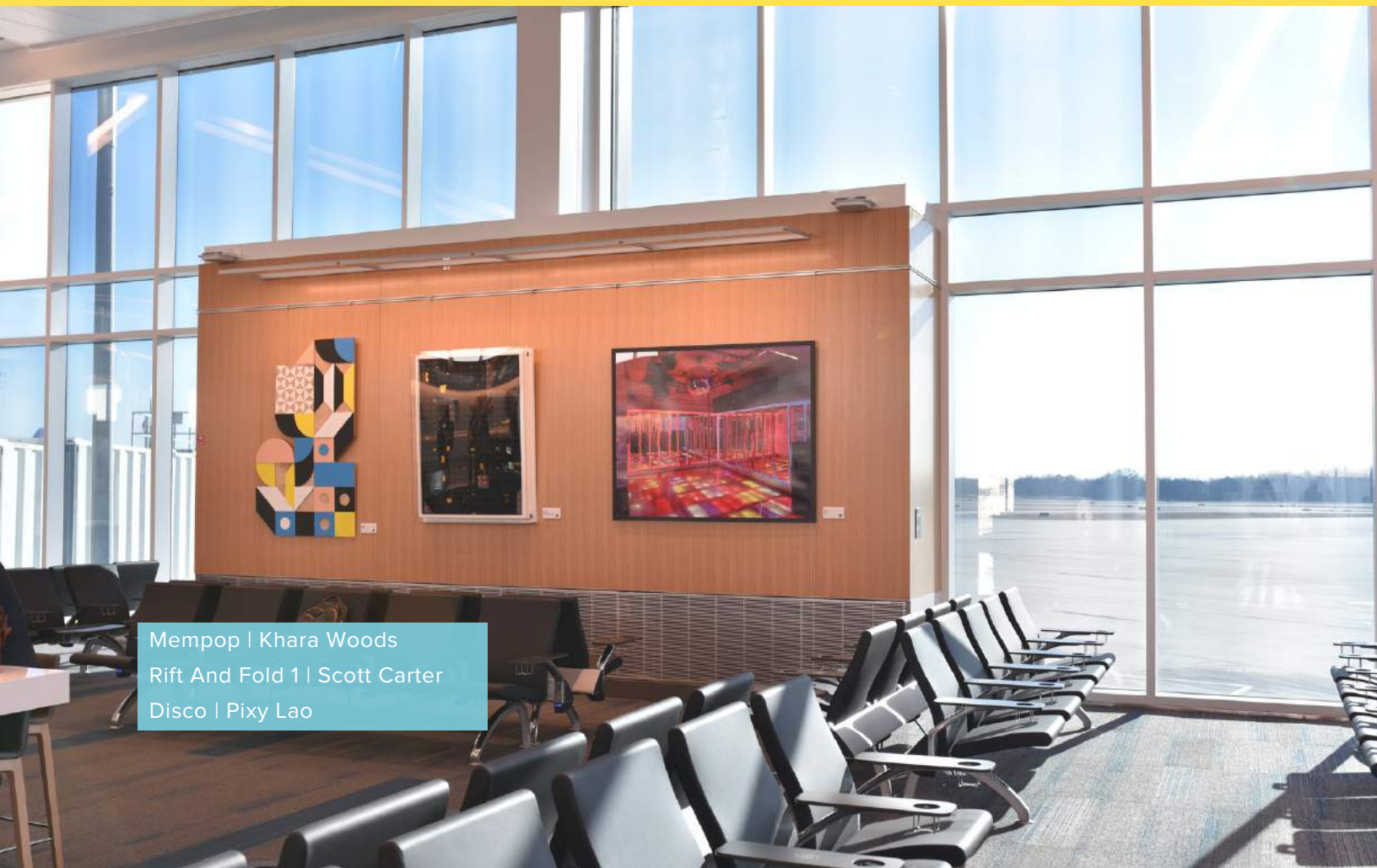
The collection as a whole represents the wildly vibrant and dynamic creative community coming from Memphis and has been continuously celebrated as both locals and visitors to our city travel through our renovated airport.



Visitors take in the art for the first time during the Concourse B grand opening event held in February 2022.



Overlook | Susan Maakestad
Recline | Lacy Mitcham Veteto



Mempop | Khara Woods
Rift And Fold 1 | Scott Carter
Disco | Pixy Lao



Intertwining
Artist: Yancy Villa + brg3s
Memphis International Airport, Memphis, TN

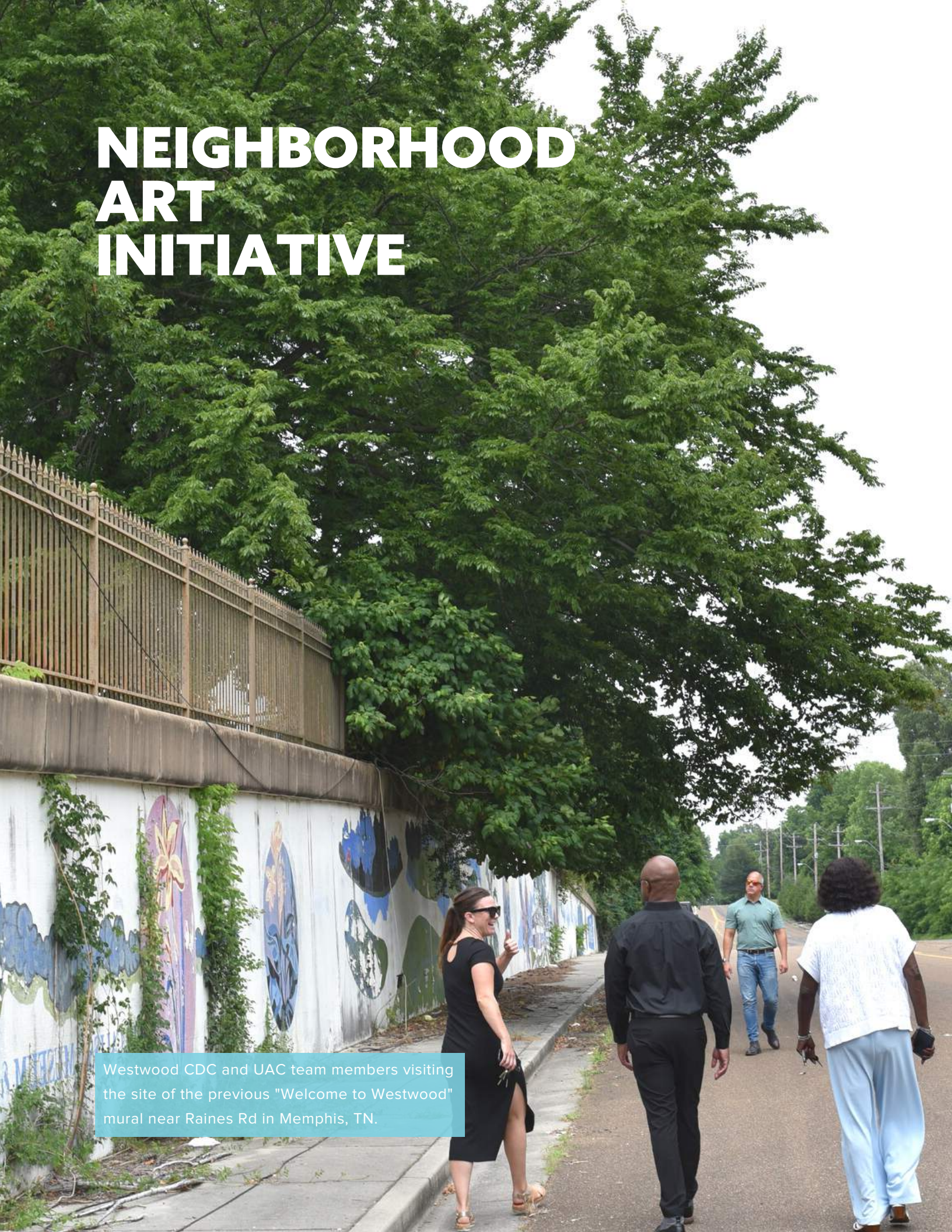
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18

Baggage Claim
Gates 1-16
Restrooms

NEIGHBORHOOD ART INITIATIVE

Westwood CDC and UAC team members visiting the site of the previous "Welcome to Westwood" mural near Raines Rd in Memphis, TN.



NEIGHBORHOOD ART INITIATIVE

In the last year, UAC has continued to expand the Neighborhood Art Initiative (NAI) through commissioning four new projects for the Douglass, Hickory Hill, Mallory Heights and Westwood neighborhoods. NAI invites neighborhood leaders and organizations to apply to UAC for public art funds for their communities and to collaboratively develop the scope and needs for the project.

These four neighborhoods were selected in 2021 and the team began working closely with neighborhood partners in each to identify the greatest priorities for new projects.



UAC team members meeting with teachers and officials of the Gestalt Community School's Power Center Academy in Hickory Hill.

DOUGLASS

program partner: The Time is Now Douglass

artist(s): Jamond Bullock + Eric Okdeh

artist to create a mural that speaks to the pride of the community, engages neighborhood youth, and pays tribute to Douglass's rich Black history.



HICKORY HILL

program partner: Gestalt Schools

artist(s): Brandon Marshall

artist to create artistic enhancements to bus shelters in the Hickory Hill community that reflect the cultural vibrancy and history of the area while also inspiring and uplifting the diverse community of today.



MALLORY HEIGHTS

program partner: Mallory Heights CDC

artist(s): Ahmad George + Lawrence Matthews

artists to create artistic enhancements to bus shelters in the Mallory Heights community that refresh the existing shelters and reflect a strong sense of community and family pride.



WESTWOOD

program partner: Uplift Westwood CDC

artist(s): Tony Hawkins

artist to create a mural that speaks to the pride of the community, engages neighborhood youth, and pays tribute to Douglass's rich Black history.



REVISITING & RESPONDING



I'm New Here

Artist: Brittney Boyd-Bullock

Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, Memphis, TN

REVISITING & RESPONDING

This program invites artists of various disciplines to create temporary or performative projects in response to existing public art, specific spaces, and relevant social and cultural exchanges.

In 2022, Brittney Boyd Bullock created a response to Nancy Cheairs' colorful sculptures for the children's area at the Benjamin L. Hooks Library by transforming the space with yards of her printed fabric panels suspended amongst the trees. Her installation, titled "I'm New Here", featured a live choral performance from the Freedom Singers led and Directed by Justin Merrick, Executive Director of the Center for Transforming Communities - an organization dedicated to building up the cultural, economic, social, physical and municipal health of neighborhoods.

artist Brittney Boyd Bullock posed in front of her installation "I'm New Here"





I'm New Here
Artist: Brittney Boyd-Bullock
Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, Memphis, TN

PUBLIC ART PUBLIC JOY



Artist: Tony Hawkins
Whitehaven Community Center Mural Dedication
Whitehaven Community Center, Memphis, TN

PUBLIC ART PUBLIC JOY

As we all ventured out into the world more this year, UAC hosted several beautiful gatherings to help people engage with public art installations and our team. Together, we celebrated new mural dedications, visited classrooms to give presentations, and even took a group of artists to attend an inspiring opening exhibition in Mississippi.

In partnership with the Yoga Kickback, Hot Yoga Plus, and Drip Yoga, free yoga classes were offered in Audubon Park and the Renasant Convention Center with public art by Greely Myatt and Kaleob Elkins and Franklin Wallace respectively. UAC also hosted an artist happy hour at the Arrive Hotel where guests enjoyed our signature cocktail of the evening "the public art collector" while mingling and learning more about one another.



Artist Larry Walker and Alcenia's owner Ms.B.J Chester -Tomayo celebrate her 25th Anniversary with a grand parade of friends, family, and supporters

ALCENIA'S



Exterior Mural
Artist: Larry Walker
Alcenia's Memphis, TN

GOOCH PARK



Slice

Artist: Jamond Bullock
Gooch Park Mural Dedication



Slice

Artist: Jamond Bullock
Gooch Park, Memphis, Tn
Gooch Park Mural Dedication

WHITEHAVEN COMMUNITY CENTER



Whitehaven Community Center Mural Dedication
Whitehaven Community Center, Memphis, TN

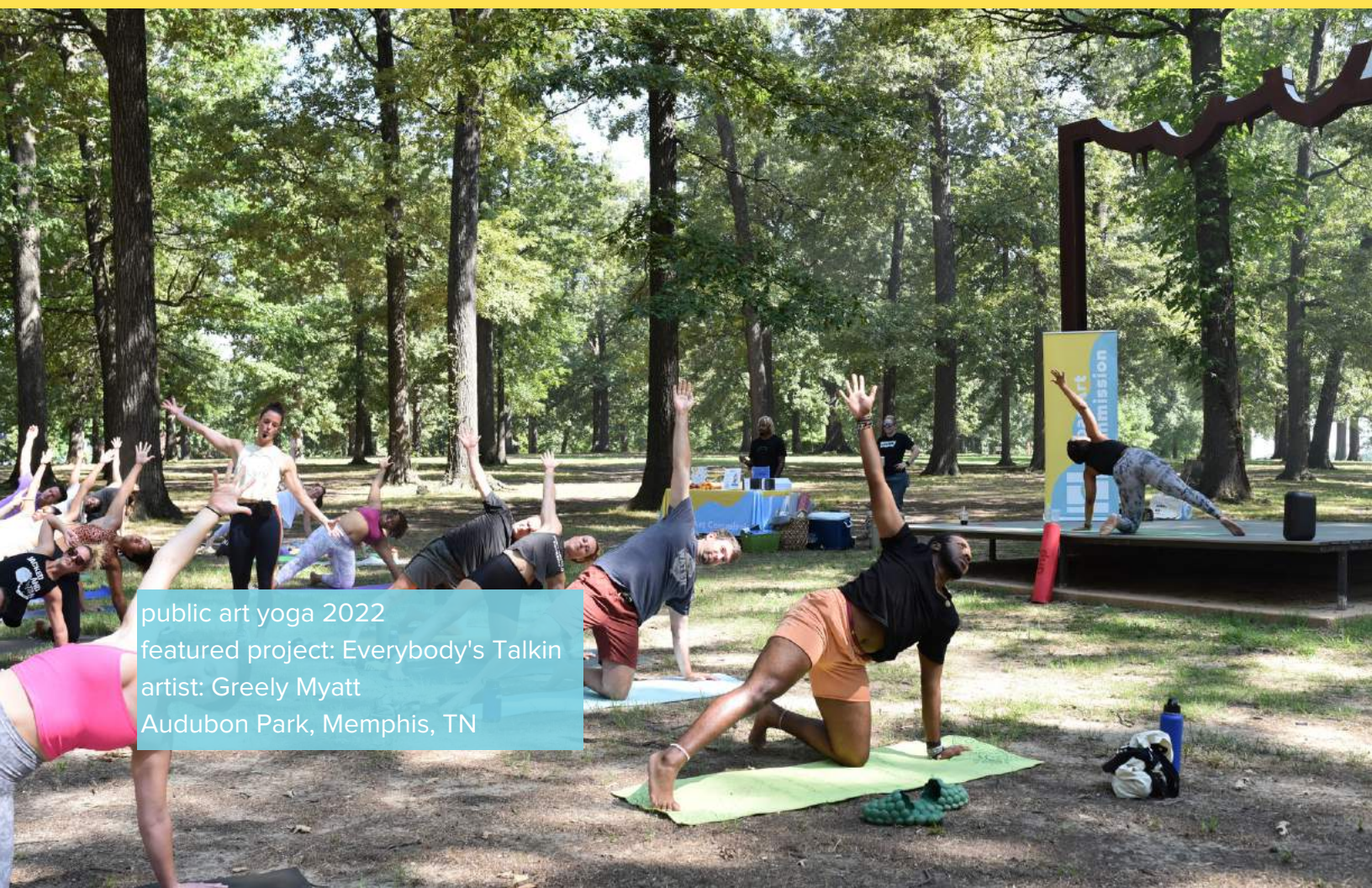


Whitehaven Community Center Mural Dedication
Whitehaven Community Center, Memphis, TN

AUDUBON PARK



public art yoga 2022
featured project: Everybody's Talkin
artist: Greely Myatt

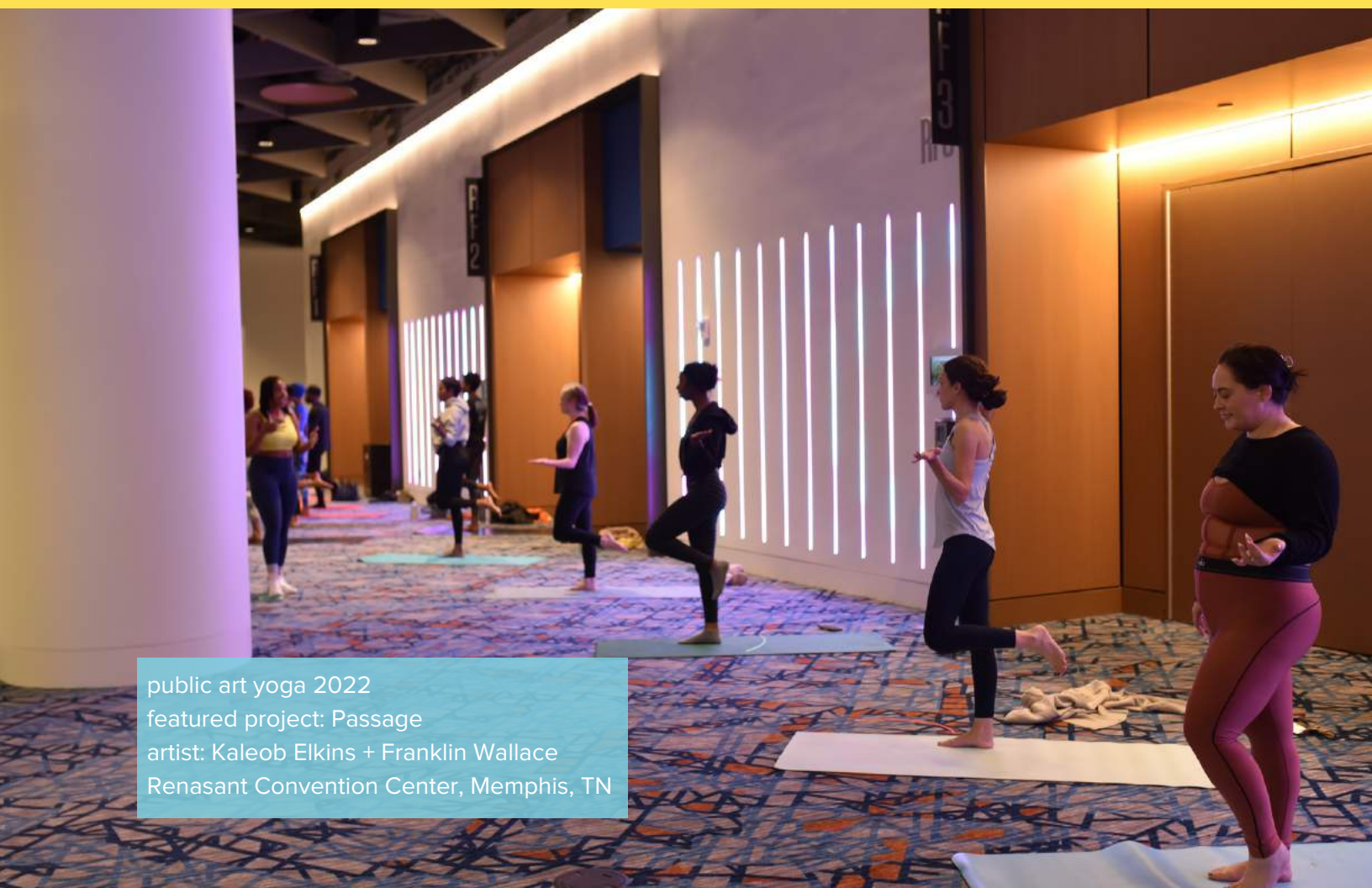


public art yoga 2022
featured project: Everybody's Talkin
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Audubon Park, Memphis, TN

RENASANT CONVENTION CENTER



public art yoga 2022
featured project: Passage
artist: Kaleob Elkins + Franklin Wallace



public art yoga 2022
featured project: Passage
artist: Kaleob Elkins + Franklin Wallace
Renasant Convention Center, Memphis, TN

ARTIST HAPPY HOUR

ARRIVE HOTEL



Artist Happy Hour
Arrive Hotel, Memphis, TN



Artist Happy Hour
Arrive Hotel, Memphis, TN

MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART



Thanks to a generous sponsorship from the MS Museum of Art, UAC was able to partner with TONE Gallery to take a group of talented artists, musicians, and creatives from Memphis to represent on our cities behalf during this historic event.

The Donna and Jim Barksdale Galleries
for Changing Exhibitions

A MOVEMENT IN EVERY DIRECTION LEGACIES OF THE GREAT MIGRATION

A Movement in Every Direction: Legacies of the Great Migration is organized by
the Memphis Museum of Art and the Schlesselman Museum of Art.



NO FOOD
OR DRINK
IN THE
GALLERIES



Memphis-based artists and former UAC board member pose with artist Theaster Gates at the opening of "A Movement in Every Direction: Legacies of the Great Migration".

MEMPHIS BROOKS MUSEUM OF ART

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS



UAC curated a panel discussion entitled "Critical Conversations" in partnership with the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, on the complexities of showing work within public and private spaces.



The panel, moderated by Patricia Daigle Associate Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, included: Airport Collection artist Tommy Kha, artist and professor at UofM Richard Lou, Director of Commissions and Special Projects at the Tanya Bonakdar Gallery Sam Rauch, and Partner at Eastlake Legal Max Felsheim.

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Memphis Muse
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Cossitt Library, Memphis, Tn

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The Four Way Restaurant Mural
Artist: Danielle Sierra
The Four Way Restaurant, Memphis, Tn

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