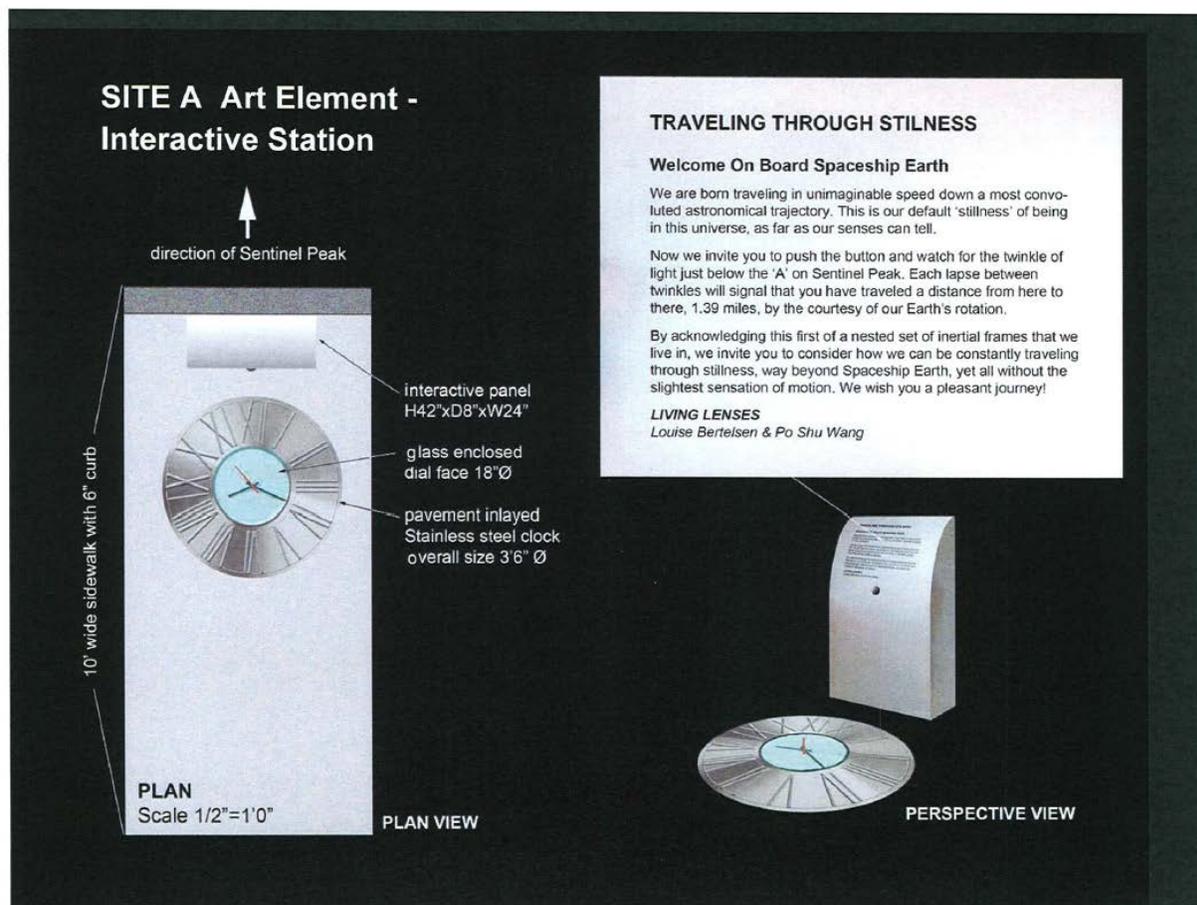


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Artists, Artwork Overview, and Current Status

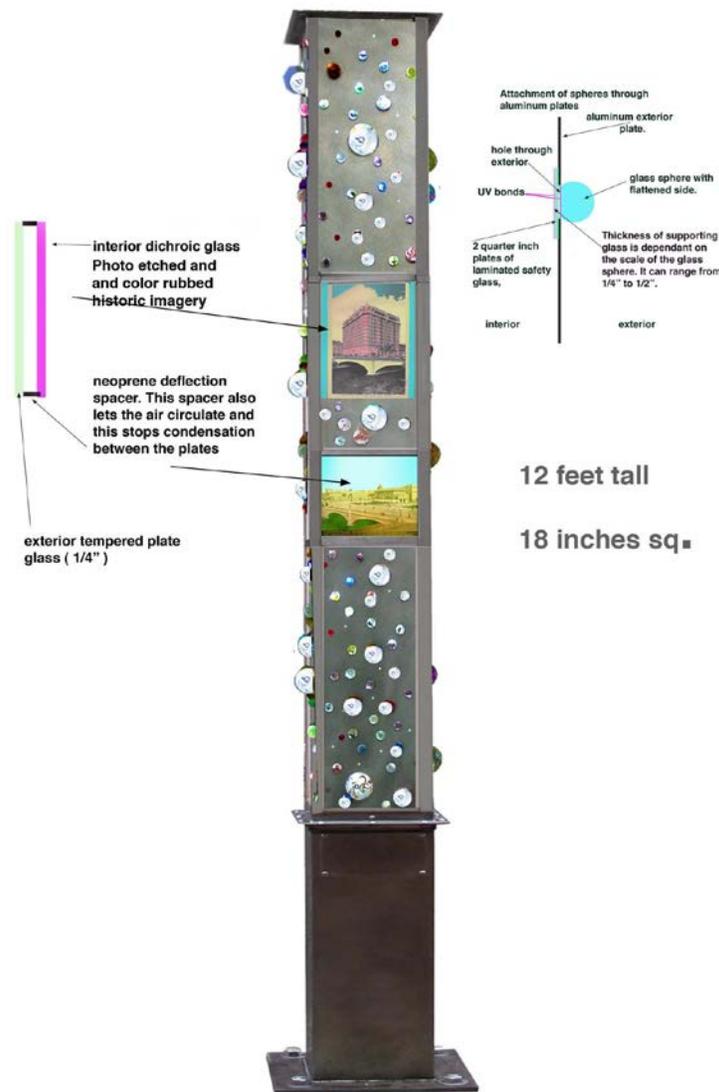
Living Lenses – *Traveling Through Stillness* includes an interactive kiosk on St. Mary’s Road near Davis Bilingual Elementary that allows pedestrians to signal a responsive twinkling light to be installed on A Mountain. The length of time between activating the signal and the twinkling of the light corresponds to the number of seconds for the earth to rotate the distance between Davis School and A Mountain.

Status: The clock surface is in the fabrication and should be completed in early June 2016.. The lamp for the A Mountain component is being fitted with a protective cage. Po Shu Wang anticipates installing and completing the artwork in the summer of 2016.



Cork Marcheschi - Sphere is a tall slender columnar sculpture of aluminum with solid glass orbs of multiple colors. The artist's concept references gems and minerals and the flower and fruit of the Saguaro cactus. The orbs and aluminum surface will catch light during the day; the sculpture will be illuminated from within during evening hours. The sculpture will be located between the Broadway/Barraza intersection and Fourth Avenue in a roundabout along the multiuse path.

Status: Marcheschi has completed structural engineering for the sculpture and is working through additional technical details for the foundation.



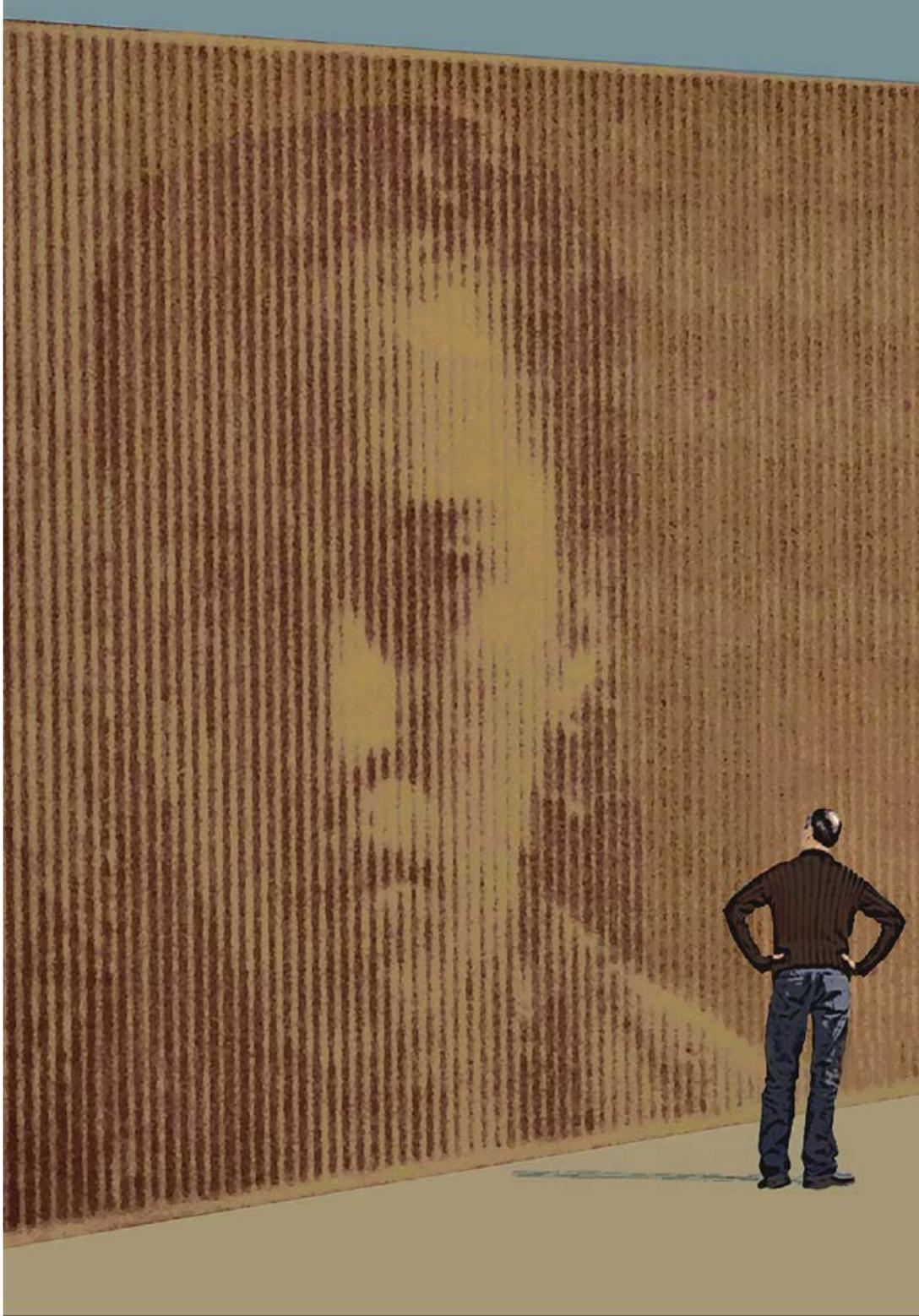
Joe O’Connell/Creative Machines – *Wet Wheel* adds a playful component for pedestrians and bicycle riders along the multiuse path. The sculpture recalls a giant bicycle tire. Brief spritzes of water converge to mimic the appearance of the spokes of a bicycle wheel with a cooling touch.

Status: O’Connell and Creative Machines have been working on designing the Wet Wheel infrastructure including integrating the city’s standard footings. The artist is also working with the Downtown Links project team to determine how utilities will be brought to the artwork.

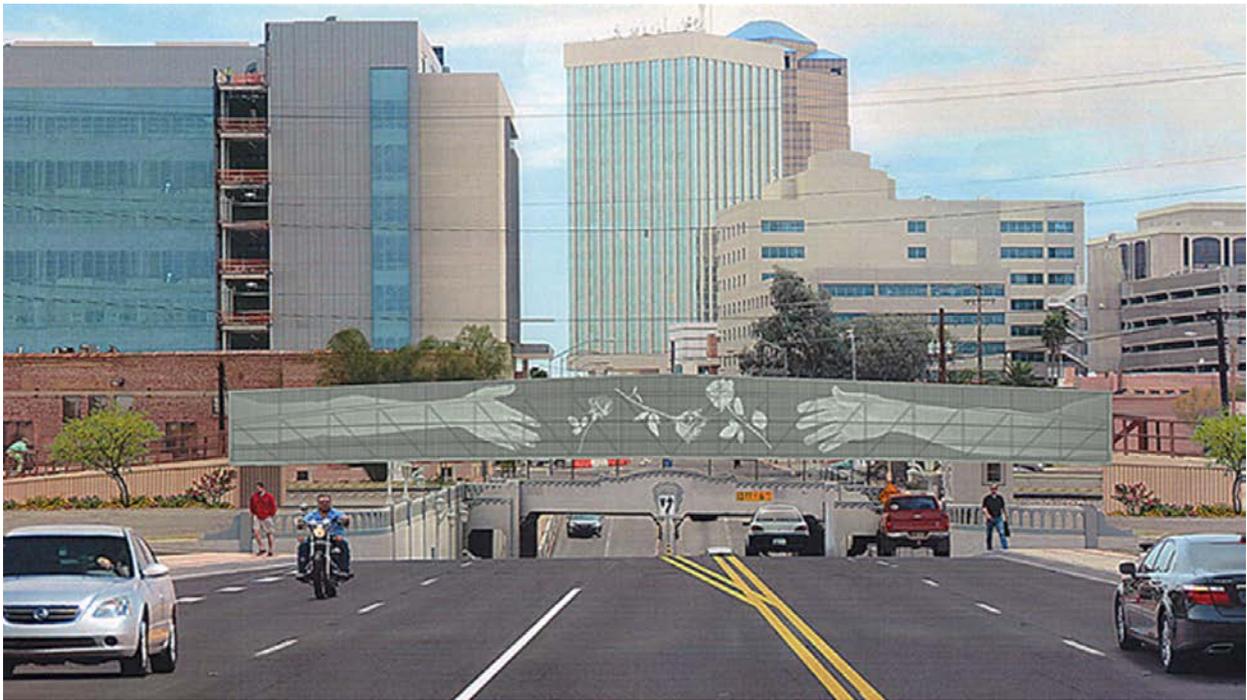


Simon Donovan and Ben Olmstead - *‘flowers and faces’* is the concept for the photoengraved cast concrete walls along Downtown Links and the pedestrian bridge at Stone Avenue. The faces come primarily from randomly collected images of Tucsonans representing a diversity of ages, ethnicities and genders. Images of native wildflowers are interspersed between the portrait series. A set of reaching hands, and a suspended rose, shade the perforated metal screen of the pedestrian bridge cage.

Status: Donovan and Olmstead have completed the digital files for the artwork. The process included converting photographic images into a gray scale, and translating into files readable by CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machines to create the molds for form liners. The form liners will be used by the project contractor in forming the concrete walls.



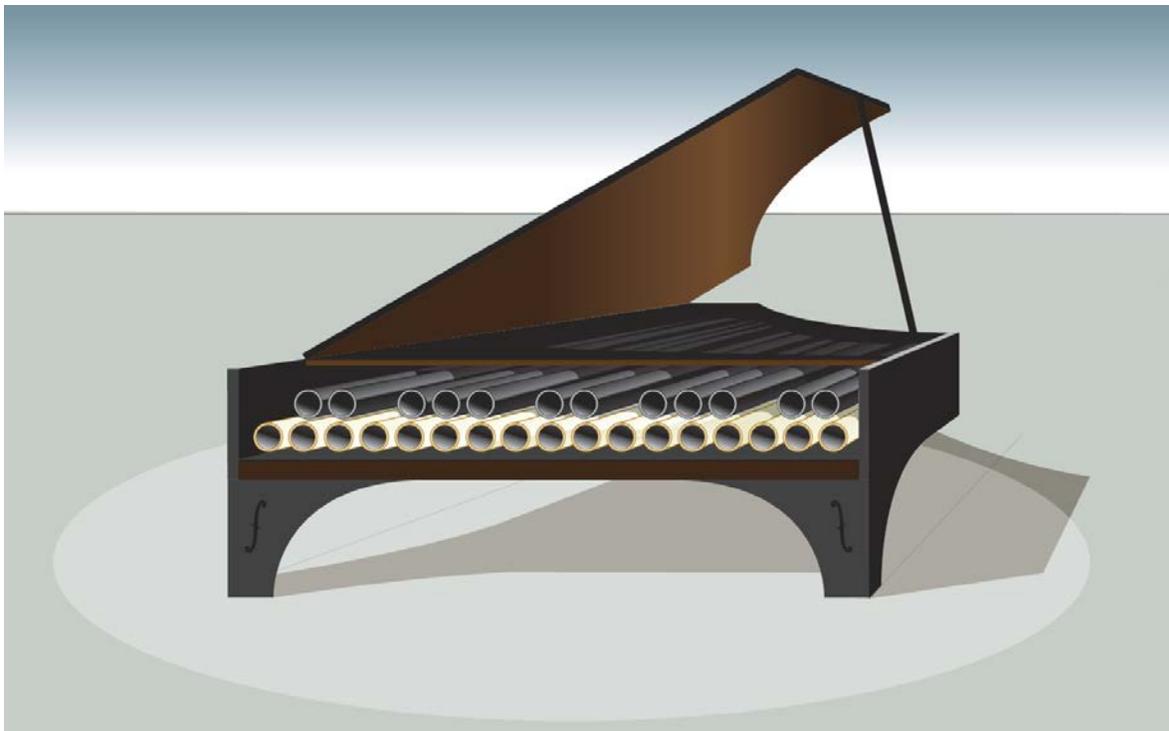
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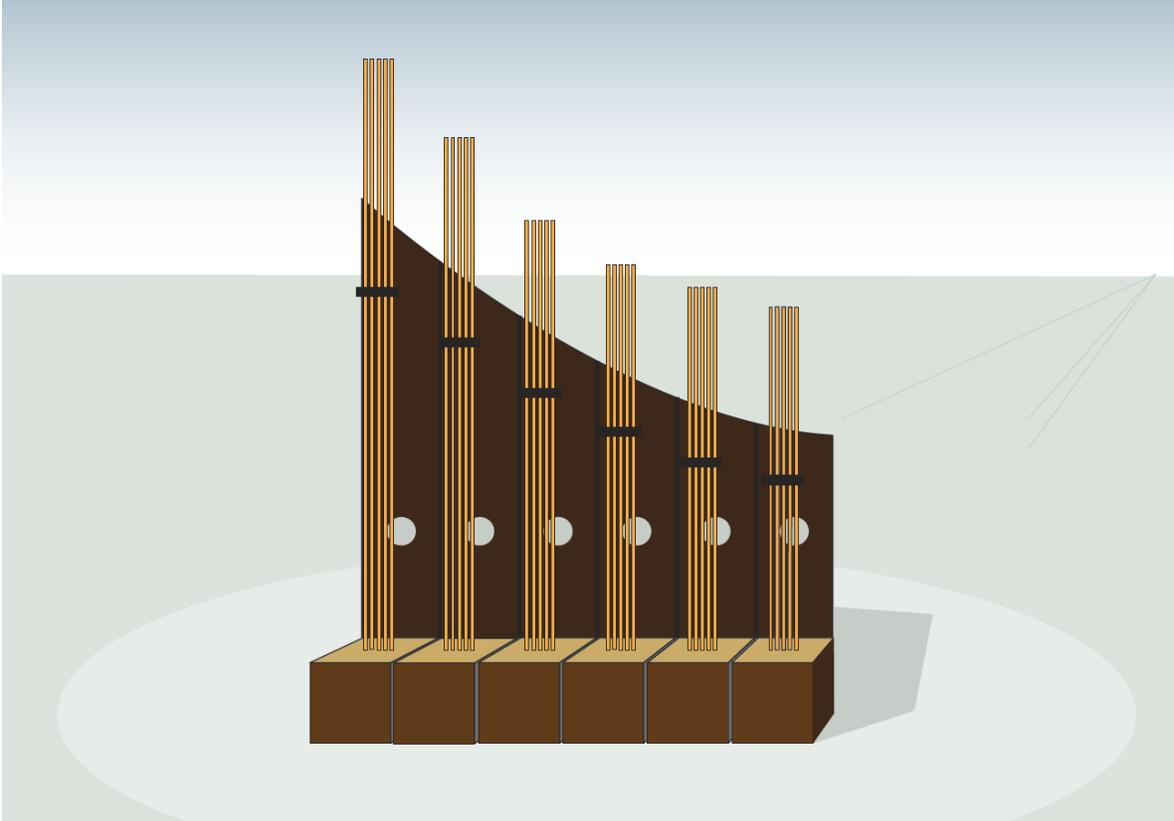
Stone Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Rendering

Gregg Payne - *Grande Pianophone* and *Rod Harp* are artworks for the Deck Plaza area that can be played as musical instruments. The anticipated scale of the pianophone is 9' long by 3.5' tall by 9' deep, made of powder coated aluminum pipes, steel and fiberglass. The pipes correspond to a keyboard. The harp made with compatible materials and with a height ranging from 5' to 8', will be tuned to a pentatonic scale.

Status: The artist is prototyping the two pieces to test, refine, and engineer. The next steps are approval of the final design, engineering of the artworks, and determining technical details of the installation method.



Grande Pianophone Rendering



Rod Harp Rendering

Upcoming Calls to Artists include:

- *Emerging Artists* - Two opportunities for artists to add metalwork or sculptures at locations along the multi-use path. These opportunities will be open to all but are well-suited for emerging artists.
- *Maclovio Barraza Memorial* - This artwork will honor labor leader and community activist Tucsonan Maclovio Barraza. The artwork will be located near the future Maclovio Barraza Parkway/Broadway intersection.