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The newest artwork in the City's public art collection, *Through Other Eyes* by Joseph O'Connell of Creative Machines, was installed June 24, 2022.

Mr. O'Connell was chosen in 2020 through a national competition. He worked with staff and community members to develop his concept for the Park site adjacent to the Lawrence, Kansas Police Headquarters. The artwork is both sculptural and architectural and serves as a gateway and meeting point for the park.

The title of the piece, *Through Other Eyes*, stems in large part from new awareness gained from George Floyd's death and the national response in better understanding both our differences and commonalities. The ring at the top of the arches includes ten sets of interpretive "eyes" crafted from colored glass beads. Each pair of eyes is based on a photograph of an individual Lawrencian and represents our community diversity. In the artist's words, "This artwork is about the wonder and beauty of eyes and seeing into and through other's eyes."

The sphere hanging from top of the structure lights from within at night and projects imagery on the ground under the artwork.

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission is charged by the City Commission with the oversight of our City's long-standing public art program. As part of that program, which was established by a City Resolution in 1986, this project was initiated through an approximately two percent commitment from the City's 2019 Capital Improvement Program budget for the new Lawrence Kansas Police Department Headquarters in accordance with City Resolution 7070.

More information here: lawrenceks.org/board/lawrence-cultural-arts-commission/



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