Narrative and Inspiration for Franklin Park Art Installation Katherine England-artist TriPointe Homes

Any great meal is usually made by mixing unrelated ingredients matched with past experiences that influence the creative mixture and that leads to a fine result. Such it is with this installation. The conversation began two years ago and it has taken just the right amount of inspiration, collaboration and courage to give us this offering.

I wanted to create something new for this highly residential neighborhood and at the same time make it relatable to the recent history of this area. Given that this was once the site of a school and more recently known for its park, I wanted to have a child in the piece along with a figure from a parkscape, such as a tree. Although Huntington Beach was more known agriculturally for sugar beets, Orange County is known for its ubiquitous orange trees, and so this combination settled with me nicely.

The structure itself is something I am really excited about. I was exposed to this sculptural form while studying in Spilimbergo, Italy. It is a free-standing two-sided mosaic. Its strength comes from the steel band that wraps the piece and welds it to the base. The structure is over 7' tall and about 8' wide. The structure itself will be welded to a quarter inch steel base which, in turn, will be bolted to concrete footings.

The mosaic on the front and back is also somewhat different than most public works here in California. Besides the fused glass leaves and oranges, the prominent medium will be smalti, an Italian glass standard found in all classical mosaic installations in religious and government buildings around the world. Though pricey, its color and strength make it perfect for longevity and beauty.

I strive to make art that will be appealing for generations—timeless instead of dated. I also want the subject matter to be relatable. The child in the piece will be a girl, but will be somewhat androgynous with silver hair (imp-like), bright red shirt, and undateable fashioned clothing.

The piece is viewed from the front and back and will be fun to see while cars drive by at 40 mph, as well as interesting to people entering the park who move in for a closer view.

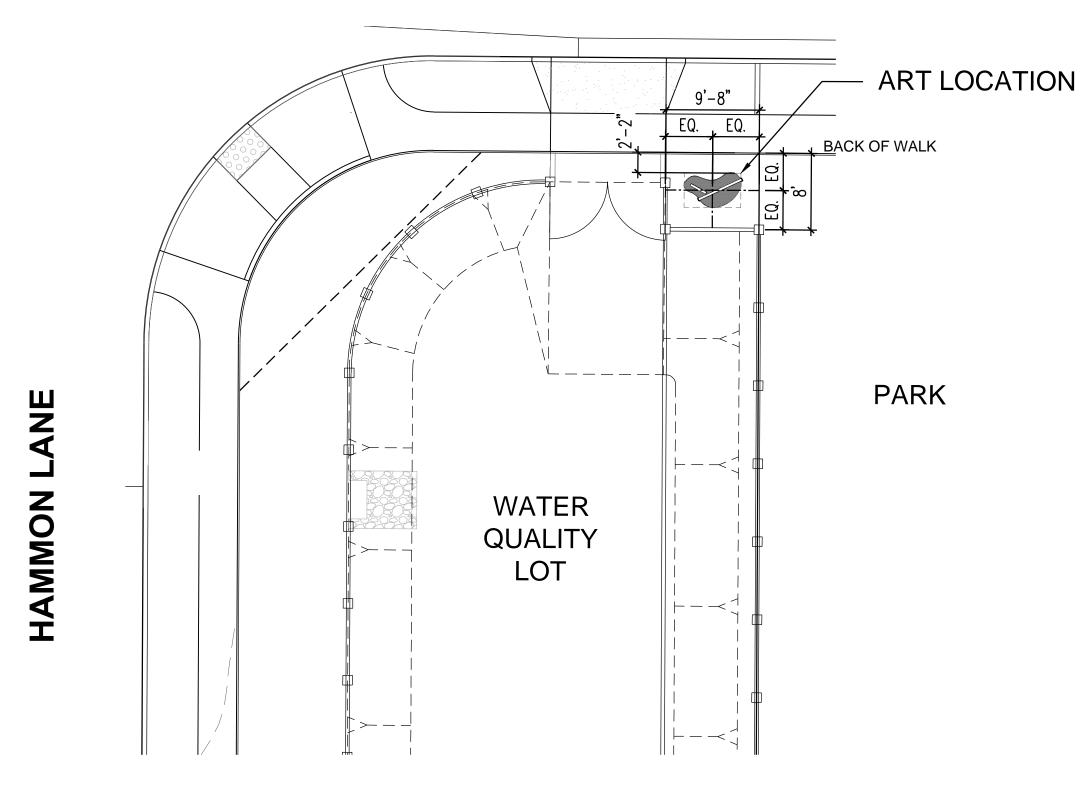
I am honored and excited to be a part of the project, and am very pleased to partner with Rick, Perry and Huntington Beach.

Thank you,

Katherine England



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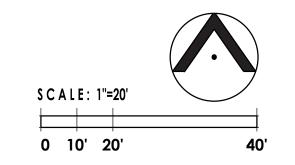
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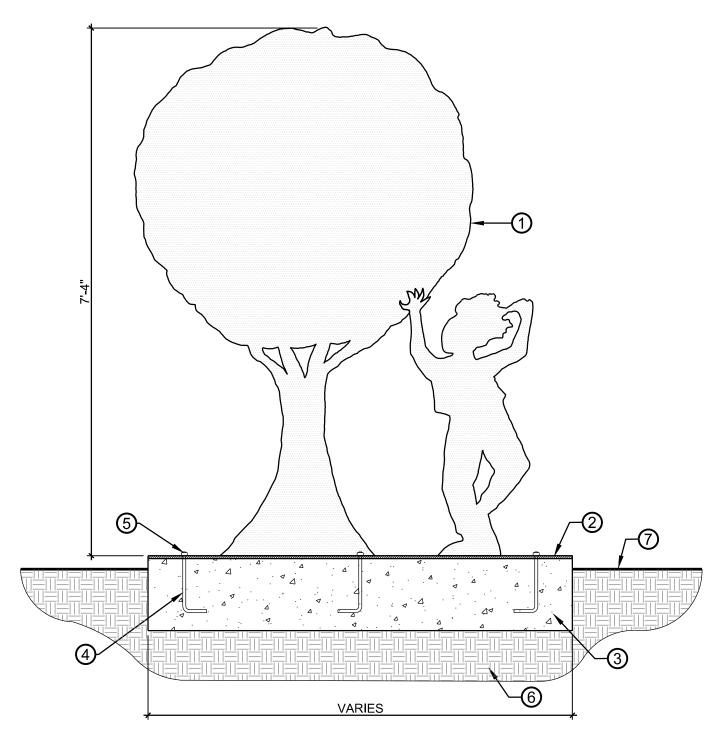




ART ELEMENT PROVIDED BY ARTIST & INSTALLED TO SUPPORT SYSTEM.

- 1 'TREE & CHILD' MOSAIC ART ELEMENT. MOSAIC TILE INSTALLED ON CONCRETE FIBER MIX OVER METAL FRAME PER ARTIST.
- 2 STEEL PLATE BASE WELDED AS PART OF ART ELEMENT. CONNECT TO CONCRETE FOOTING WITH ANCHOR BOLTS WITH TAMPER RESISTANT HARDWARE.
- (3) CONCRETE FOOTING
- 4 1/2" DIA. ANCHOR BOLTS. ATTACH TO ART PIECE PER DIRECTION OF ARTIST
- (5) TAMPER RESISTENT FASTNER
- (6) 90% COMPACTED SUBGRADE
- (7) FINISH GRADE





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Katherine England

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ABOUT KATHERINE



Katherine England

is a prolific visual artist who also teaches in schools, in her studio, and at art retreats nationwide. In addition to creating and promoting

public works of art, Katherine has taught and has been an

activist for art education in the public school system for nearly twenty years.

Her favorite medium right now is glass and she loves breaking, nipping, melting, and coaxing it into playful patterns and whimsical figures. Her largest mosaic piece is 40' by 8' but she also enjoys playing with tinier pieces.

A variety of people and institutions seek out Katherine to create unique commissioned pieces for their offices, stores, and places of employment, and her work can be seen in both private and public collections throughout the United States.

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Classes are taught offsite depending on the subject but you can always find her creating at her home studio.

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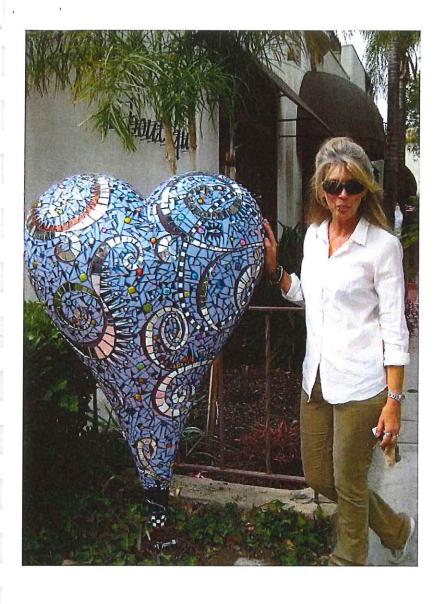
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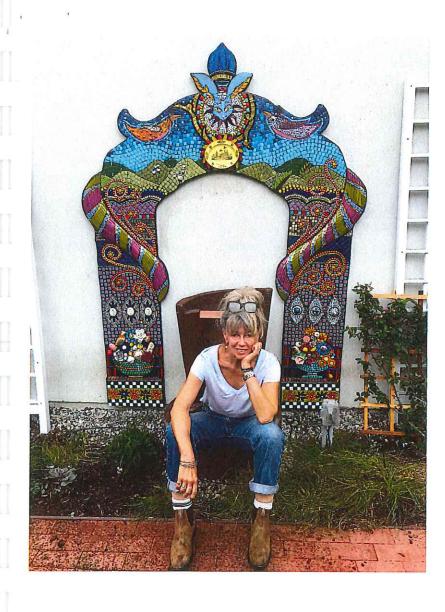




















Ponderosa Park Anahelm, 19' tall Fused Glass



Fender Guitar Fullerton 12' Mosaic



Paul Revere Park Anaheim, 6'x15' Mosaic

Katherine



Discovery Science Center Santa Ana 16'x 5' Glass Mosaic



Orangethorpe Elementary School Fullerton, 24' Fused Glass





St. Jude Hospital Fullerton 9'x24' Fused Glass



Golden Hill Elementary School Fullerton 15' Fused Glass



Ponderosa Park Skate Park Anahelm, 2'x15' Glass mosalc



Maple Elementary School
Fullerton 14'x8'
Fused Glass



Katherine England is a prolific visual artist who also teaches children of all ages in schools, in her studio, and at art retreats nationwide. In addition to creating and promoting public works of art, Katherine has taught and has been an activist for art education in the public school system for nearly twenty years. She has over 25 public murals throughout the U.S. Her favorite medium is glass and tile and she loves breaking, nipping, melting, and coaxing it into playful patterns and whimsical figures. Her largest mosaic piece is 75' by 10'. A variety of people and institutions seek out Katherine to create unique commissioned pieces for their cities, stores, and places of employment, and her work can be seen in both private and public collections throughout the United States.

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