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Mariemont High School Teacher Has Sculptures Chosen for Permanent Exhibit



In September 2009, The Fitton Center for Creative Arts installed three sculptures by Mariemont High School visual arts teacher, Larry Austin. Each figurative sculpture was created from foundry molds from the former Hamilton Foundry established in 1875 on Vine Street in Hamilton, Ohio.

The original mold making process required the expert knowledge of precision tolerances and fine woodworking skills. Austin perceived the unique shape and beauty of each mold as well as their functional form and anatomical characteristics. The pieces were juxtaposed to create the final abstract eight foot high figurative forms. The first figure is male, the second a more humorous female figure with headdress and facial expression, and the third more child-like in nature.

The sculptures are located in the Center's lobby and as part of The Fitton Center's permanent collection may be viewed during operating hours. Located in Hamilton, Ohio at 101 South Monument Avenue, The Fitton Center is a not-for-profit community arts center with a mission to "build community excellence through the arts and culture."

Austin has a Master of Arts and Masters of Fine Arts majoring in Sculpture, both from Miami University. He has taught visual arts at Mariemont High School for twenty-nine years.

Photo: Three sculptures created by Mariemont HS visual arts instructor, Larry Austin, have been selected for The Fitton Center for Creative Arts lobby.

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