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Public Artwork in Plano Wins National Award

Plano's public art program was honored at the Americans for the Arts annual convention in Seattle, Washington recently. ***Now Becomes Memories, Tomorrow Becomes Now***, a Haggard Library art installation, was selected for inclusion in the prestigious "Year in Review 2009." Of the 304 projects nominated nationally, 40 were selected as outstanding public art created in 2008.

The award will be presented at the Plano City Council meeting on Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Artworks chosen for Year in Review are deemed exemplary and innovative. ***Now Becomes Memories, Tomorrow Becomes Now*** is celebrated for honoring a community's history and providing present day residents with a sense of local identity. This honor is shared by the artist, Teresa Camozzi of California, and the City of Plano the commissioning agency. The artist's inspiration came from a poem called "The Douglass Community" written by Alan Birkelbach, Texas Poet Laureate and a Plano resident. This project creatively joined the literary and visual arts.

Americans for the Arts is the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing arts, humanities, and arts education in America. They partner with local, state, and national arts organizations, business leaders, philanthropists, and educators in advocating the arts. Based in Washington D.C. and New York City, with more than 5,000 organizational and individual members, Americans for the Arts produces annual events, national visibility campaigns and local outreach to enhance arts support. For more information about this organization, please visit www.AmericansForTheArts.org

For more details about this "Year in Review 2009" Award and Plano's public art program, please contact Christine Eubanks, Cultural Programs Coordinator at 972-941-7740.