Public art expresses the relationship between people and place. Charlotte, through the foresight of public officials, corporate partners and visionary individuals, is fortunate to have a wonderful collection of distinctive public art in the Center City and beyond. The walking tour reveals Charlotte’s unique culture, diverse communities, rich history and civic pride. The Arts & Science Council celebrates the important public and private partnerships that have led to the creation of the dynamic collection of artworks that enliven our city’s public spaces and social discourse.

ARTS & SCIENCE COUNCIL (ASC)
Since 1958, ASC has been building appreciation, participation and support for arts and culture in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. ASC’s core functions include grant-making, fundraising, cultural planning and cultivating a public art program.

ASC PUBLIC ART PROGRAM
The ASC Public Art Program views public art as integral to a community’s fabric by recognizing the potential of art to create livable cities, enhance neighborhood identities, strengthen economic development and tourism, educate children and adults, and enrich the spirit and pride of its citizens. A volunteer board, the Public Art Commission, oversees the artist selection process for the program.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg’s public art program was initiated in 1981. During 2002-03, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners and the Charlotte City Council adopted ordinances that allocate 1 percent of eligible capital investment funds for public art, ensuring that artworks will continue to grace our public spaces and enhance urban and economic development efforts.

Discover Charlotte’s public art!

To view the works in the Center City, you may take the free Gold Rush shuttle service. You can pick up the Gold Rush at bus shelters and stops throughout the Center City. To get to the Gateway District, you’ll need to take the Red Line. Most other Center City works on the tour are accessible via the Orange line. For a complete map of the Gold Rush shuttle route, visit www.CharlotteCenterCity.org.

Public Art Walking Tour Map

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Center City Public Art Walking Tour

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