AWI-SPEK
Jann Rosen-Queralt

DATE
Artists Commissioned Spring 2005
Installed Fall 2006

LOCATION
Billingsley Campus (Mecklenburg County Mental Health Department, Department of Social Services, County Health Department)

DESCRIPTION
The Billingsley Campus in east Charlotte is located off Randolph Road and is comprised of social service and health agencies operated by Mecklenburg County. A major focus of the construction project is to create a new pedestrian connector for the site, joining buildings that are currently divided by a natural, wooded ravine and a creek. Mecklenburg County Real Estate Services has hired Stewart Engineering to redesign pedestrian paths and construct a bridge crossing the ravine. Artist Jann Rosen-Queralt has designed a pedestrian plaza with tables and seating in a natural landscape. She created a series of fanciful, sculptural “ear trumpets” that visitors can point toward the creek, singing birds or rustling leaves to amplify and enjoy the sounds.

Rosen-Queralt holds and MFA from Cranbrook and is an adjunct professor at the Maryland College of art in Baltimore, MD. She is currently Artist-in-Residence for the Arlington, VA Public Art Program, and participated in an Artist Residency at McColl Center for the Visual Arts in 2004.

SELECTION PANEL
Mark Leach, Mint Museums; Kevin Patterson, IBM Corporation; Gustavo Mibelli, Mecklenburg County; James Cochran, Area Mental Health; Ann Walker, Carolinas Health Care System

FUNDING PARTNER
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