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Interplay I and Interplay II

Ruth Ava Lyons

Date

Installed Fall 2020

Location

Concourse C- Charlotte Douglas International Airport
5501 Josh Birmingham Pkwy
Charlotte, NC 28208

Description

Focus on the wonder of the natural world, as well as the issues surrounding the delicately balanced constellation of ecosystems worldwide. Nature is a perfect common denominator that ties us all together no matter where we come from or where we are going. Stylized flight patterns carry the message of connectedness as we move together across different environments on our planet. Contemplate the nourishing energy of nature as it elevates us in our day-to-day struggles. It is always there for us. Now consider the impact we are having on the natural world and reflect on how we can save it.

About Ruth Ava Lyons

Ruth Ava Lyons was born in Cleveland, Ohio and holds degrees from prestigious Cranbrook Academy of Art MFA and Kent State University BFA. Lyons is a Fulbright fellow and is the recipient of many grants, awards, and residencies. Most recently she was selected to participate in an arctic circle expedition with theartcticcircle.org. She has also taught at several colleges and universities.

Paintings by Lyons have been included in over 100 exhibitions throughout the country. Her work can be found in numerous private, corporate, institutional, and museum collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Hearst Corporation, Bank of America, New Orleans Museum of Art, National Museum of Women in the Arts, SAS Institute, and the Federal Reserve Bank. Her work focuses on the natural world – particularly on threatened ecosystems that are impacted by global warming and man’s negative behavior. Lyons and partner Paul Sires are the founding pioneers of Charlotte’s NoDa district and owned the award-winning Center of the Earth Gallery for 23 years. Lyons is represented in Charlotte by Hidell Brooks Gallery. She is an avid fire dancer, scuba diver, and motorcyclist and lives in CLT.

Selection Panel

Gaurav Gupte, Public Art Commission; Daliah Aho, American Airlines; Mikkea Carter, Charlotte Douglas International Airport; Rebecca Simensen, Charlotte Douglas International Airport; Emily Tinkler, Charlotte Douglas International Airport

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