

Denver Art Museum and to several places in Boulder where I could see many types of art. I hope that those exposed to this piece, especially kids, receive license to “think outside of the box.”

In addition, I hope that the lotus flower provides a contemplative experience. It puts the sitter in full view of this beautiful pond and all the quiet beauty this area provides.

What does the term “Public Art” mean to you?

I think that Public Art is art that the public can consume and use. Public Art creates landmarks and memories that help foster ideas. Art on the walls in a home only can be enjoyed by a small number of people. Public Art, on the other hand, is out where the people are and can be casually absorbed. The public doesn't have to pay to see it. Even if you are not trying to see and experience art, it's there, and it becomes a part of your experience. It can be almost a matter of unconscious verses active pursuit of art. Public Art becomes part of our memories. I'd love to hear a kid say someday, “Remember when we were fishing by that giant flower and [insert memory here].”

Why do you think public art is important?

Public art can create new ways of thinking. It is low cost inspiration and education for a community. If you take a piece of art and amortize the cost of the number of people who encounter it over time, you see significant value for your money. For example, with my piece, I'd like to see people get excited about how geometry and trigonometry were used in this sculpture. Maybe some kids will get sent in a different direction when they see how art and science interact in something they can see and touch.

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