

Theater District Pavers

Donation Request from Sound Transit Art Program

Tacoma Arts Commission Meeting 11/13/23

Artwork Information:

Title: *Theater Bills*

Artist: Fernanda D'Agostino

Year Completed: 2003

Dimensions: Variable (25 total): 18 x 24 x 2 in. (7); 21 x 30 x 2 in. (8); 24 x 30 x 2 in. (7); 48 x 36 x 2 in. (1); 24 x 36 x 2 in. (1); 27 x 36 x 2 in. (1)

Materials: Red Granite Inlay

Physical Description: The installation consists of 25 red etched granite pavers etched with graphics from historical local theater performances.

Narrative description: The images on the pavers show theater bills from area theaters while some focus on performers themselves. Imagery is drawn from playbills, director's and costume designer's notes, choreographer dance notations, and performance advertisements. Installed as part of the Sound Transit Theater District Light Rail stop, the artwork recalls the Tacoma's Theater District heydays.

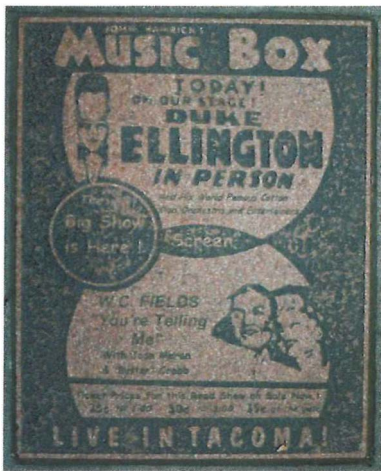
Current Condition: Very good. New black inlay is recommended.



Donation Overview:

Sound Transit recently deaccessioned *Theater Bills* and, with support of the artist, would like to donate it to the City of Tacoma's Municipal Art Collection for future placement by the City. There are no conditions to this donation, but the shared intention is to install it in an appropriate public location connected to a Tacoma theater, either on City property or in the right-of-way. The Public Art Program has secured a long-term storage location on City property should the artwork donation be accepted, and Sound Transit would provide delivery of the artwork to the storage location, so there is no immediate cash cost to accepting this donation.

**Sound Transit Art Program (SStart)
Artwork Deaccession Approval Form**



Fernanda D'Agostino (American, born 1950)
Theater Bills, 2003
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Reason for Deaccession

Loss of Site. Due to the demolition of the Theater District Station in Tacoma, the artwork no longer has a viable location.

Background Information

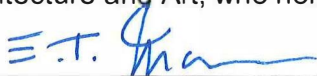
The installation consists of 25 red granite pavers etched with graphics from historical local theater performances. The images on the pavers show theater bills from area theaters while some focus on performers themselves. The pavers will be transferred to the City of Tacoma Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality as they are best positioned and have expressed an interest in giving the artwork a second life.

Policy Reference

This deaccession decision is undertaken in accordance with the SStart Deaccession Policy (2023), whose policy and procedures are modeled on those established in *ArtCare: Collections Management Policy for Washington's State Art Collection* (2018) and Washington Administrative Code: 30-40-060 (3)(b).

Staff Recommendation

I recommend this artwork for deaccession from the SStart Collection. This recommendation is made after careful review and with majority approval from a special deaccession panel that convened on October 16, 2023. Per the SStart Deaccession Policy, this recommendation is made directly to Sound Transit's Director of Architecture and Art, who holds the authority to approve this action.



Tim Marsden, Art Collection Program Manager

10/20/23

Date

Executive Staff Approval

I approve the staff recommendation to deaccession the artwork listed above, effective immediately.



Julie Montgomery, Director of Architecture and Art

10.24.23

Date