

## 51 BILTMORE PUBLIC ART PROJECT

The City of Asheville is developing Asheville's next public art in the 51 Biltmore Public Art Project at the public parking garage next to the Aloft Hotel at 51 Biltmore Avenue in downtown Asheville.

### The Project

The Aloft Hotel and public parking garage at 51 Biltmore Avenue in downtown Asheville, North Carolina is a visible landmark in the city's skyline, set apart by its contemporary architecture and vibrant color scheme.

The artwork will be located on the exterior wall of the parking deck exit way on the north side of the Aloft Hotel on Aston Street. It is intended to enhance the sense of local identity in downtown Asheville, as well as compliment the architecture of the hotel.

The artwork may be two or three dimensional, must be durable and meet all levels of safety and codes. The approximate area for art-work is 25'H x 22'W. The project is part of the City's Percent for Art Program.

### Project Timeline 2014

Public Forum #1 with Artist Finalists	January 24
Artist Finalists Proposals Due	March 17
Public Forum #2 on Artists Proposals	April 4 -11
Select Final Proposal	April 30
Artwork Installation Complete	Fall

### The Artist Finalists

Artist team Alex Irvine (Santa Fe, NM) and Ian Wilkinson (Asheville, NC)

A) Alex Irvine [www.alexirvineceramics.com](http://www.alexirvineceramics.com)

B) Ian Wilkinson [www.ianthepainter.com](http://www.ianthepainter.com)

C) Marc Archambault (Asheville, NC) [www.hammerheadstoneworks.com](http://www.hammerheadstoneworks.com)

D) Mike Allison (Joelton, TN) [www.fluidglassmovements.com](http://www.fluidglassmovements.com)

### Selection Panel

David McCartney, Aloft Hotel

Sharon Trammel, Public Art and Cultural Commission

Jenny Bowen, Asheville Artist and Photographer

Elizabeth Barr, Art Resources

Susie Millions, Asheville Visual Artist

Sarah Larson, 51 Biltmore Neighborhood Resident, Arts Advocate

### Follow the Project

Stay current on 51 Biltmore Public Art Project at the City of Asheville's website at [ashevillenc.gov](http://ashevillenc.gov). For more information contact Basil Punsalan at 828-259-5552 or [bpunsalan@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:bpunsalan@ashevillenc.gov).

### Public Art Program

The City of Asheville Public Art Program oversees Asheville's public art collection. The Public Art and Cultural Commission is responsible for approving the site and content of public art, and the development of an inclusive selection process that involves community feedback. The Commission also acts as a public art ambassador by advancing the City of Asheville as an "arts destination" in cultural and economic development efforts.

The city's public art collection includes the popular Urban Trail, a historic walking tour of downtown Asheville; along with other prominent works including but not limited to the Pack Fountain, Energy Loop, Deco Gecko and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

