

Arts Commission Staff Briefings



Austin

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Two Live by Star, Angel Alcalá

Exhibition Updates

AIPP Exhibition Update

People's Gallery at City Hall

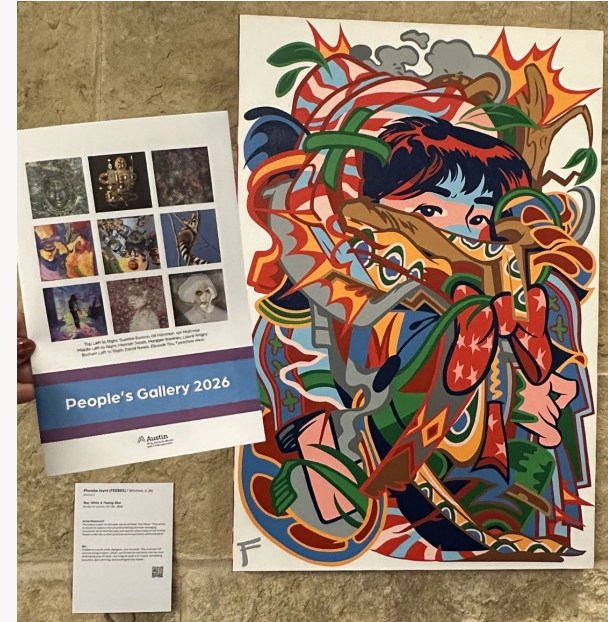
Opening Reception - October 2, 2026

782 attendees

Exhibition runs October – May 2028

Over 150 of Artworks

105 artists + 2 community organizations





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Item 11 Deaccessions at AUS

- Timeline implications
- Relocation options
- Legal and regulatory considerations
- Funding and feasibility
- Artist follow up



Project Updates

Absolute Equality: Unity Tunnel

by Reginald Adams

2026 CODAworx Winner for Best Collaboration!

The CODAwards honor excellence in commissioned art around the world. This year's jurors were particularly impressed by the collaborative spirit behind "Unity Tunnel," describing the project as "the very definition of collaboration."



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2026 IAP2 Project of the Year for Creativity and Innovation!

The IAP2 judges highlighted the project’s **innovative use of sound baths, quiet reflection, and guided meditation to build trust and create culturally appropriate spaces for community voice**, an approach they described as both unique and deeply effective.

They noted that community enthusiasm “went above and beyond decision-making and led to their investment into the art-making,” resulting in physical contributions literally embedded into the final artwork.



Diplomatic Souvenir

Sanctuary Collection by Lys Santamaria

Artist Narrative:

These handcrafted souvenirs represent Austin's spirit of migration, diversity, connection, and community, offering international partners a meaningful piece of Austin to take with them.

- **Monarch Butterfly:** A symbol of migration, hope, freedom, and the universal search for belonging and sanctuary.
- **Open Hands:** Represent Austin's diverse community and the exchange of giving and receiving between people and the land.
- **Together:** The imagery reflects Austin as a place where individual journeys are celebrated and communities come together to create a more connected future.

SANCTUARY COLLECTION

EARTH - Staff Level Souvenir



- 15 gifts
- 5x7 Archival Matte Print
- 8x10 Dark Wood Frame with Mat
- Signed and numbered by the artist

WATER - Standard Level Souvenir



- 15 gifts
- 21 x 21 silk scarf
- Custom signature box

SKY - VIP Level Souvenir



- 15 gifts
- 6H x 6Wx 2D Ceramic Sculpture
- 3D relief butterflies
- Carved sgraffito handwriting
- Background screenprinted onto ceramic
- Custom Mailer Box



Program Updates

AIPP Resolution No. 20250306-029



Economic Opportunity Committee

September 25, 2026

Art in Public Places Panel

October 5, 2026

Arts Commission

October 19, 2026

City Council

~~October 22, 2026~~

November 5, 2026