

Dear Selection Committee:

It is an honor for our team to submit our qualifications for the Veterans Memorial Park public art project. Based in Southern California, our team is interested in the project because of the opportunity to create a site-integrated, inspiring artwork that will honor the men and women who have served to defend our country. We have worked on similar projects where the artwork serves as a place-making element and creates connections between people and place.

With diverse personal backgrounds, our team Studiofolia includes Michael Stutz, an internationally recognized sculptor, and James Dinh, who works at the confluence of public art and landscape architecture. Located in Fallbrook, Michael designs and fabricates sculptures that inspire through their joyful and distinctive presence. Having refined over twenty years a sculptural technique that weaves strips of metal into dynamic forms, Michael literally knits together narratives about community and culture. Leveraging his background in landscape architecture and public health, James is a spatial storyteller who examines projects from a holistic point of view, looking at how public art can be integrated into and inspired by its site and the community in which it is located.

We approach design as a collaborative process, with the belief that the best results occur when there is room for many voices to be heard, from stakeholders to community members. In April of this year, our team completed a significant project at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, which honors that time when the school was known as the Woman's College. In 2020, we completed a project in Helena, Montana titled *Equity Fountain*. Sitting atop a large granite millstone, a stainless steel sculpture has words in English and a Native American language "woven" into a sphere. The words are intended to remind people that they must ensure that society is guided by the ideals of equality, diversity, tolerance, etc.

In 2018, James was one of five finalists in an international competition to design a National Native American Veterans Memorial at the Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. The design envisioned a sacred space where Americans can honor and reflect on the great sacrifices of all Native veterans. In 2012, Michael completed a project at the First Responders Training Facility in Carlsbad. Made of bronze, the larger-than-life portraits of a police officer and fireman evoke pride and the vital support that first responders provide in the community.

Though each of us has independently completed public art projects with significant budgets and scopes of work across the U.S., we believe that by working as a team can we fully examine the opportunities and challenges of the Veterans Memorial Park public art project. James would act as the project manager and designer, and Michael would be co-designer as well as oversee fabrication and construction management. Our strengths are complimentary. If selected for the project, we would prioritize the project so that it will completed within schedule and budget. We have extensive experience working with design teams, engineers, and municipalities.

We believe that the importance which we place on connecting art to place, emphasis on celebrating local stories, as well as past project experiences, will make our team a strong candidate for the Veterans Memorial Park public art project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Dinh & Michael Stutz



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Artist	James Dinh & Michael Stutz
Year	2023
Location	University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Dimensions	7' high x 43' diameter
Medium	Bronze, brick, powder-coated aluminum panels, landscape
Budget	\$170,000
Client	University of North Carolina

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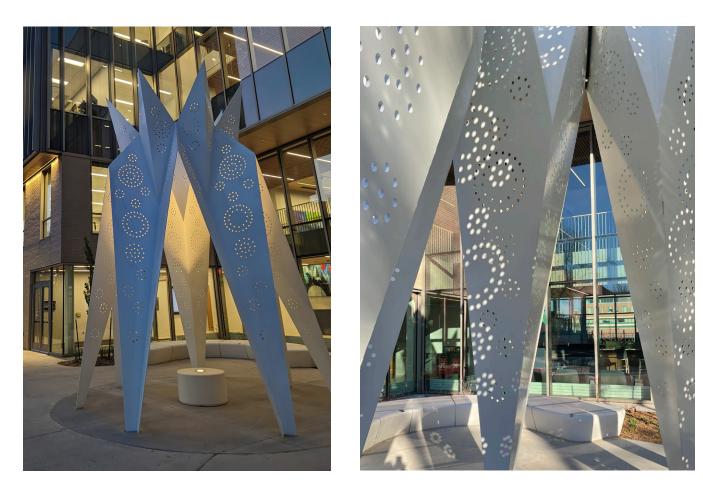
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Artist	James Dinh
Year	2023
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Medium	Painted steel
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Budget	\$100,000
Client	University of Nebraska

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Artist	James Dinh & Michael Stutz
Year	2020
Location	Helena, MT
Medium	Granite millstone and stainless steel sculpture
Dimensions	7' high x 6' wide x 6' long
Budget	\$80,000
Client	Equity Fountain Committee

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Location	City of Westminster, CA
Dimensions	Sculpture 18' high x 3' wide, plaza 35' x 35'
Medium	Painted welded steel, powder-coated aluminum panels, concrete, landscape
Budget	\$200,000
Client	Vietnamese American Cultural Alliance

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Artist	James Dinh
Year	2018
Location	Nation Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C.
Dimensions	30' x 30' x 30'
Medium	Glass, stone, bronze, water, landscape
Budget	\$14 million
Client	Smithsonian Institution

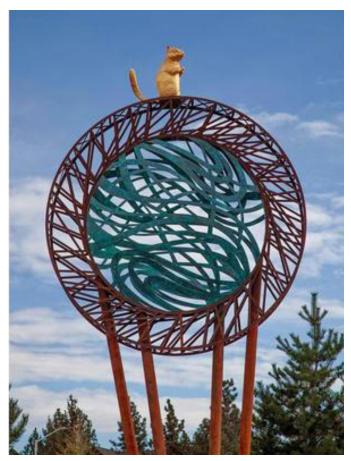
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Title Golden Squirrel's Wondrous World Artist Michael Stutz Year 2023 Location Bend, OR Bronze, steel, gold leaf Medium Dimensions 28' h x 11.6' w x 7' d \$130,000 Budget Client Bend Art in Public Places

Golden Squirrel is a striking presence above an active traffic roundabout. The hamster wheel of daily routine, the circle of life reflecting the lands and waters of the Cascade Mountains, and the humorous squirrel all celebrate the city as a place intimately connected to nature.



Title	Nighthawk Moves Across the Waters
Artist	Michael Stutz
Year	2020
Location	Sacramento, CA
Medium	Bronze & stainless steel
Dimensions	17' x 9' x 7'
Budget	\$130,000
Client	City of Sacramento

During initial exploratory site visits, the artist rode around with the firefighters when they went on calls, and then held public meetings with members of the community. They had differing ideas about what the art should be. The firefighters wanted it to be about their daily dedication to protecting the community, while long time residents of Natomas community felt the art should reflect the natural beauty of their neighborhood. The resulting sculpture takes the form of a Nighthawk, which is native to the Sacramento area. It is the mascot for the Fire Station 15 crew, and of the local high school football



Title	First Responders Portrait Heads
Artist	Michael Stutz
Year	2012
Location	First Responders Training Facility, Carlsbad, CA
Medium	Bronze
Dimensions	7' h x 7' w x 3.5' d each
Budget	\$180,000
Client	City of Carlsbad

Their smiling characters and civic roles are distinctive, while having a universally heroic appeal. The sculptures feature stainless steel versions of the badges and patches that identify the Carlsbad forces. The Portrait Heads are a daily presence in the life of the area, a renowned attraction and photo spot that draws the public to investigate and celebrate the First Responders Training Facility. The installation is about the pride and vital support that Police and Fire provide in the Carlsbad community.



The majority of our public art projects, both as a team and as individual artists, have been in the public sector. Below is a sample of projects that have involved working with public stakeholders and community engagement. The attached pages show our résumés, which outlines the extent of our projects completed across the country.

Project 1	Daisy Garland
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Location	University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Budget	\$170,000
Reference	Kurt Melvin, Project Manager of Facilities Design and Construction k_melvin@uncg.edu, (336) 334.5998

Located at a public university, the project involved working with different school offices and addressing historic, accessibility, and other requirements. We worked with the alumna to gather input in the design of the tribute project, as well as to select historic photos that were incorporated into the artwork.

Project 2	Of Two Lineages
Artist	James Dinh
Year	2017
Location	Little Saigon, City of Westminster, CA
Budget	\$200,000
Reference	Alicia Jao, President, Vietnamese American Cultural Alliance alicia.jao@gmail.com, (714) 609-9368

The artist worked with the Vietnamese American Oral History Project of the University of California, Irvine to gather 100 portraits of community members, which were incorporated into the artwork. The artist and project manager worked with the city building & safety department, structural engineer, lighting consultant, as well as fabricators and contractors.

Project 3	Nighthawk Moves Across the Waters
Artist	Michael Stutz
Date	2020
Location	Firestation 15, Natomas Community, Sacramento
Budget	\$130,000
Reference	Donald Gensler, Art In Public Places Project Manager
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## James Dinh -

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## EDUCATION

2002	Master of Landscape Architecture University of California, Berkeley
1997	Master of Public Health, with a concentration in epidemiology University of California, Los Angeles
1991	Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences University of California, Irvine

### WORK EXPERIENCE

2010 – present	Principal Studiofolia, Cerritos, CA
2006 – present	Design Consultant Orange Street Studio, Landscape Architecture, Los Angeles, CA
2019 – present	Design Consultant

# SALT, Landscape Architecture, Los Angeles, CA

## PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS

2023	Kahului Community Park mural, Maui, HI – currently in design development with Thinh Nguyen Willie Henderson Sports Complex public art, San Diego, CA – currently in design development Baltimore County COVID-19 Memorial, Baltimore, MD – currently in fabrication 50th Anniversary sculpture, Cedar Park, TX – completed Vista Canyon Multi-Modal Center public art, Santa Clarita, CA – completed Woman's College tribute, Uni. of N. Carolina, Greensboro – completed with Michael Stutz Commemorative public art, Frankfort, KY – completed Sports Park mural, Tustin, CA – completed Allegheny Park Women's Walk of Fame public art, City of Los Angeles, CA – finalist
2022	St. Thomas University student memorial, St. Paul, MN – completed University of Nebraska public art, Lincoln, NE – completed Westminster Crossing affordable housing art, Westminster, CA – completed with Thinh Nguyen
2021	Evergreen Cemetery Veterans Memorial, Gainesville, FL – completed Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial, Dayton, OH – currently in design development
2020	Equity Fountain public art, Helena, MT – completed with Michael Stutz
2019	Higuera Adobe public art, Milpitas, CA – commissioned artist
2018	Art in Transit Program, bus shelter public art, San Antonio, TX – completed National Native American Veterans Memorial, Smithsonian, Washington D.C. – finalist
2017	Of Two Lineages public art, Westminster, CA – completed
2016	David & Margaret Youth and Family Services Public Art, La Verne, CA - completed

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- 2015 LA County Sheriff's Memorial, LA County Arts Commission commissioned artist
- 2014 Circles of a Ripple public art, Hacienda Heights Community Center– completed

### SYMPOSIUMS / LECTURES

2023 Webinar: *Representation: the Crux of Public Space*, World Heritage USA The webinar pushes the activism of creators into the forefront, featuring guest speakers from the United States of America and Afghanistan. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmYqfagqZng</u>

### **EXHIBITIONS & WORKSHOPS**

2018	<i>Viet Stories: Recollections &amp; Regenerations</i> , Richard Nixon Library, Yorba Linda, CA Exhibition designer
2017	<i>Impress</i> (exhibition of contemporary printmaking), Orange County Center for Contemporary Art Participating artist
2016	Coastal Communities Cancer Center Temporary public art, Ventura, CA Commissioned artist
2015	Earth Day Temporary Public Art Installation, City of Garden Grove, CA Commissioned artist <i>Forty Hues Between Black &amp; White</i> , Orange County Center for Contemporary Art Participating artist for community printmaking workshop Re:Imagine Garden Grove, Garden Grove, CA Participating artist for community art workshop <i>Vietnamese Focus: Generations of Stories</i> , Old Santa Ana Courthouse, Santa Ana, CA Exhibition director and designer
2014	Re:Imagine Garden Grove, Garden Grove, CA Participating artist for community art workshop
2012	Noche de Altares, Santa Ana, CA Participating artist for community art workshop
2010	Thanatopolis Exhibition, I-Park Foundation, East Haddam, CT Land arts paper project
2010	Juried All-Media Exhibition, Palos Verdes Art Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA Ceramic sculpture
2009 & 2010	Student Art Exhibition, Cerritos College Art Gallery, Cerritos, CA Ceramic sculpture
AWARDS	
2019 2017 2006	Orange County Arts Awards Honoree: Achievement Award for Arts Leader American for the Arts Convention Scholarship Post-Katrina New Orleans East Design Residency, New Orleans, LA

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## Michael Stutz -

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## **EDUCATION**

1986	Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
1985	York Street College of Art & Design, Student Exchange Scholarship, Belfast, N. Ireland
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2000 – present	Michael Stutz Studio, Principal Artist, Fallbrook, CA
1996 – 2000	Professional Prop Designer and Builder, San Francisco, CA
1993 – 1996	Parade Float Sculptor and Designer, Mardi Gras, New Orleans, LA
1993 – 1998	Display Artist, Macys, San Francisco, CA
PUBLIC ART CO	DMMISSIONS
2023	Golden Squirrel's Wondrous World, bronze sculpture, Bend, OR Woman's College tribute, Uni. of N. Carolina, Greensboro – completed with James Dinh
2022	Coyote, bronze sculpture, Farmhouse Winery, Napa, CA
2021	Double Equus, bronze sculpture, Johnson Family Equestrian Hospital at Colorado State Uni., CO
2020	Nighthawk Moves Across the Waters, Firestation 15, Sacramento Equity Fountain public art, Helena, MT – completed with James Dinh
2019	Jackrabbit, bronze sculpture, Bartlett park playground, El Paso, TX Walking Woman, bronze sculpture, Leawood, KS Beach Chairs, wood scultpures, Carlsbad, CA Wall Waves, steel sculptures, One South mixed use development, Redondo Beach, CA
2018	Boom Boom Peal Step from Ocean Hill, steel sculptural bench, Laguna Beach, CA Steel sculptures in public mezzanine of mix-use development, Redondo Beach, CA
2016	Site-specific cardboard sculpture installation, Cartasia Paper Art Biennale, Lucca, Italy
2013	ResHead, steel sculpture, ResMed Corporation Sculpture Garden, San Diego, CA Four Faces, steel sculpture, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
2012	Portrait Heads, steel sculpture, Carlsbad First Responders Training Facility, Carlsbad, CA Flame Flower, steel sculpture, Westin Gaslamp, San Diego, CA
2011	Great Egret, bronze sculpture, Pacific Shores Community, Huntington Beach, CA Diaphanous Grove, interior steel artwork for gate, San Diego County Regional Library, CA
2010	Wolf Plaza, steel sculpture, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
2009	Hot-Rolled Equus, steel sculpture, Cary, North Carolina Penelope, bronze sculpture, Port of San Diego, CA

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### PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS CONT.

2008	Bowstring Vines, steel sculpture on I-64 Pedestrian Bridge and Greenway, Cary, NC lowa State Worker's Monument, State Capital Grounds, Des Moines, IA
2006	The Big Swing, Buenaventura Golf Course, Ventura, CA Brea Red Tail Hawk, Olinda Ranch Park and Playing Field, Brea, CA
2005	Thin Blue Line, Grace Street Police Headquarters, Richmond, VA Kore, cardboard sculpture for permanent collection of San Francisco International Airport Hand in Hand, Camden Community Center, San Jose, CA
2004	Pine Breeze Dandy, Jacksonville Equestrian Complex, Jacksonville, FL
2003	Astride-Aside, woven bronze sculpture, Metro Gold Line, South Pasadena, CA
2000	Pneumatic Dreamer, woven bronze sculpture, W Hotel, San Francisco, CA

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Torrance Art Museum, Torrance CA Pulped Fiction
- 2014 San Francisco Museum of Craft and Design, CA Elevated Corrugated
- 2013 Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek, CA Larger than Life
- 2012 Cannon Gallery, Carlsbad, CA Public Artists Private Works, Michael Stutz
- 2009 San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA This END Up, contemporary cardboard sculpture Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, CA • Concepts and Processes in Public Sculpture Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL • Third Annual Unorthodox Materials Show
- 2008 Palos Verdes Art Center, Palos Verdes, CA Spirit of the Horse Fallbrook Center for the Arts, Fallbrook, CA • Art of the Horse
- 2003 Parisi Gallery, Del Mar, CA on-going exhibit of cardboard sculptures
- 1999 Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek, CA Unboxed Luggage Store Gallery, San Francisco, CA • Frenzied, Artists in Support of the Luggage Store Headland's Center for the Arts, Marin, CA • Mystery Box Auction Somar Gallery, San Francisco, CA • Them, a multi-disciplinary exhibition
- 1998 Headlands Center for the Arts, Marin, CA Headland Hand, site-specific installation Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA • Crib, Grand Lobby installation
- 1993 The Refusalon, San Francisco, CA From Desire to Decay
- 1987 The Candy Factory Annex, Dulin Museum, Knoxville, TN Recent Paintings and Constructions
- 1985 York Street College of Art and Design, Belfast, Northern Ireland Belfast Works

#### AWARDS

- 2012 Public Art Project of the Year 2012, City of Huntington Beach, CA
- 2011 People's Choice Orchid Award, San Diego Architectural Foundation, Fallbrook Branch San Diego County Library
- 2002 Public Art Network Year in Review, Best in Public Art Projects, Facing the Crowd

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Item Cost DESIGN Artist design fee (20%) 56,000 Computer modeling / drawings 5,000 Structural engineer 5,000 Travel 500 **OFF-SITE WORK** Materials 60.000 Labor 80.000 Shipping 500 **ON-SITE WORK** Concrete work 20,000 Installation 15,000 10,000 Lighting CONTINGENCY 28.000 TOTAL 280,000

- Estimated Schedule

Month 1 Contract signed

Month 2 Design development, community outreach

Month 3 Structural engineering, construction documents, community outreach

Month 4 Fabrication begins, site work

Month 5-6 Fabrication complete, site work complete

Month 7 Artwork installation, project opens

- Value-Added Offerings

As both artists are located in Southern California, travel expenses will be reduced. Michael Stutz, located in Fallbrook, has the capability to fabricate the artwork (depending on the design), and therefore there would be cost savings in fabrication and shipping. We would not need to rely on outsourcing fabrication, and therefore would have more control of costs and quality. To efficiently manage the project, James Dinh would act as the primary contact, project manager, and community outreach facilitator. Michael Stutz would oversee fabrication, construction, and installation. Having completed a project in Carlsbad, he is familiar the City. We would both serve as co-designers.

**Estimated Costs**