

**ART AND CULTURE** in the LA Metro transit system enrich millions of journeys each day. From permanent artworks to live performances, our innovative, multifaceted art and cultural programs positively transform the public transit experience by animating transitional moments, elevating the mood, punctuating the landscape and transporting imaginations. With the aim of encouraging ridership and engaging communities throughout LA County, Metro-commissioned artists and artworks express the vibrancy, spirit and aspirations of our region.



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**COVER:** Richard Wyatt Jr. in collaboration with May Sun, *City of Dreams/River of History*, 1995, Union Station. **INSIDE (top to bottom):** Stephen Johnson, *Universal Delights*, 2010, Universal City/Studio City Station; Nobuko Nagasawa, *Landings*, 2009, Soto Station; Jonathan Anderson, *Garden*, 2010, Through the Eyes of Artists poster series; Daniel Martinez, *For Your Intellectual Entertainment*, 1995, El Segundo Station; Dustbowl Revival, Metro Art Presents Performance, 2015, Union Station. **ABOVE:** Andrew Leicester, *Cold Line Bridge*, 2012, Spanning Eastbound I-210 Freeway, Arcadia. **OPPOSITE:** Quarteto Fantastico, Metro Art Presents performance, 2016, Union Station; Matthew Brandt, *L.A. Flow*, 2016, Rotating Lightbox Exhibition; Jimetta Rose, Metro Art Presents performance, 2017, Union Station.

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events and artist opportunities:  
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#### PERMANENT ART

Metro commissions artists to thoughtfully integrate artworks into its stations and facilities for the enjoyment of transit customers. Artworks woven throughout the transit environments of the vast LA metropolis connect people, sites and communities. Jim Isermann, Anne Marie Karlsen, Andrew Leicester, Daniel Martinez, Willie Middlebrook, Nobuho Nagasawa, Christine Nguyen, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Romero, Shizu Saldamando, May Sun and Richard Wyatt Jr. are among the hundreds of outstanding artists who have contributed to the artistic excellence of the fast-growing Metro System.

With new Metro Rail extensions and other public transit facilities being built throughout LA County, a number of exciting artworks are in progress and many more are on the horizon. Ball-Nogues Studio, Jacob Hashimoto, Shinique Smith and Mickalene Thomas are just a few of the talented names to look for in the years ahead.

#### ROTATING EXHIBITIONS

Engaging a broad range of daily commuters, the Metro Art *Photo Lightbox Series* presents rotating photography exhibitions at Metro Rail stations. Serial photographic transparencies of a variety of subject matter by some of today's leading contemporary artists are displayed in illuminated boxes at prominent locations, including in the passageway connecting Union Station East and West.

#### ART POSTERS

In the tradition of celebrating transportation through colorful travel destination posters, Metro commissions artists to create artworks for its *Through the Eyes of Artists* series. Displayed onboard Metro trains and buses, these award-winning posters highlight the many unique neighborhoods in LA County that are accessible by Metro. In conjunction with the series, community poster-signing events provide the public with regular opportunities to meet Metro artists firsthand. A number of art posters commemorating rail line openings have also been commissioned.

#### POETRY

In addition to placing poetry directly in the path of more than one million Metro bus riders daily, *Poetry in Motion/LA™* presents live readings at busy rail stations during the month of April in honor of National Poetry Month. A collaboration with the Poetry Society of America, the program has featured thought-provoking works by E.E. Cummings, Octavio Paz and Langston Hughes, as well as notable Southern California poets Chungmi Kim, Quincy Troupe and Michele Serros.

#### CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

*Metro Art Presents* showcases an exciting array of arts and cultural events at historic Union Station. From music and dance performances, film screenings and poetry readings to experimental and mixed-media presentations, the programs creatively activate Metro's primary transportation hub. The popular series aims to reflect the region's diversity of cultural tradition and contemporary practice. Based on the idea that Union Station is LA's stage, *Metro Art Presents* utilizes the civic space at the historic heart of Los Angeles as a platform for artistic expression.

#### ART TOURS

*Metro Art Moves* is a free series of art tours in the Metro System. Led in English and Spanish by trained docents, the tours share insights into the artists' backgrounds, inspirations and creative processes. Tours at Union Station also include information about the building's historic architecture. These memorable guided discussions boost public perceptions about transit, promote rider etiquette and offer opportunities for discovery.

#### YOUTH PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Specialized arts workshops, tours, school presentations and artist-led activities aim to connect with the community at large, as well as the next generation of Metro patrons. Mentored by professional artists through collaborations with nonprofit arts organizations, local youth create many of the temporary artworks that help mitigate visual impacts during transit construction phases. Workshops offer young people opportunities to hone their skills in art forms such as sketching, collage, poetry and mural production.