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# **Public Art Donation Proposal:**

## *Hokusai 20* by Jeffery Laudenslager

Arts Council Regular Hybrid Meeting  
October 15, 2025



## Goals for Tonight

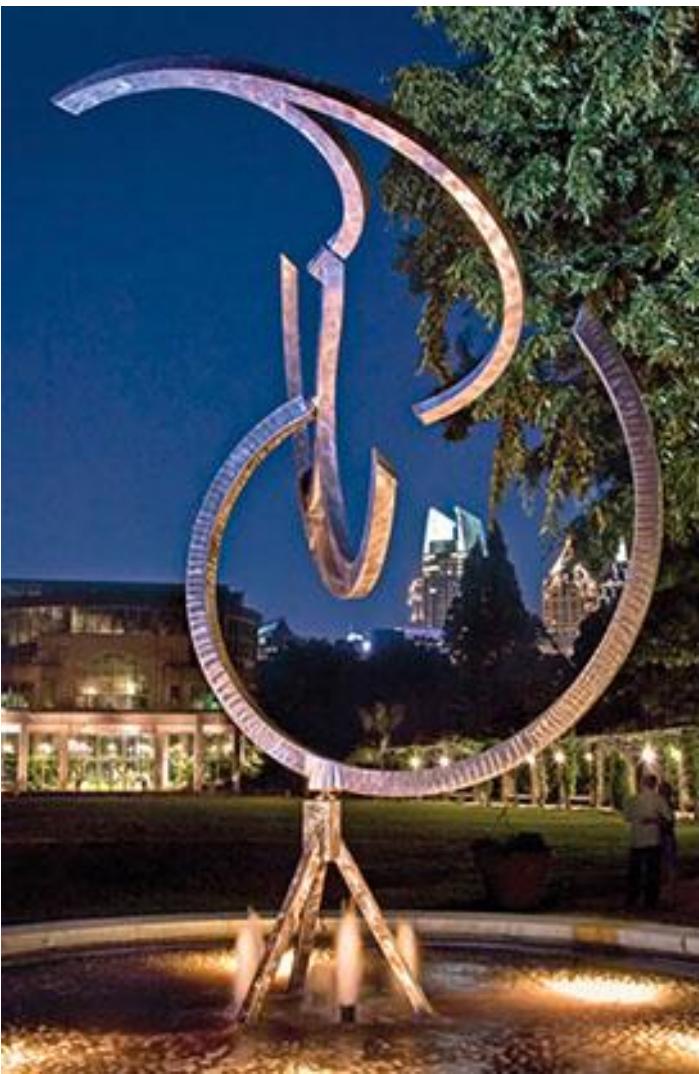
- Provide Overview of the Proposed Public Art Donation
- Highlight Additional Research Needs Related to the Proposal
- Seek Arts Council Direction for Next Steps

## Background

- The City acquires works of art for the public art collection through commissions and purchases as well as donations by individuals, organizations, and others.
- Since September 2024, Mercer Island residents Robert and Laura Ellen Muglia have connected with City staff about a proposal to donate *Hokusai 20* by Jeffery Laundenslager to the public art collection.
- With the approval of the 6-Year Work Plan for Art in Public Places on September 16, 2025, the City is now able to begin reviewing public art donation proposals using the updated Guidelines for Administering the Public Art Program approved with the 6-Year Work Plan.

## Artwork Details

- Title: *Hokusai 20*
- Artist: Jeffery Laudenslager
- Medium: Kinetic sculpture
- Material: Titanium
- Dimensions: The artwork stands approximately 21ft tall and weighs approximately 314lbs. The base is approximately 37in tall and weighs 91lbs.
- Proposed location: Roundabout on North Mercer Way and 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE in Town Center



[Video of Hokusai on Prince Edward Island](#)

## Next Steps for Proposal Review

- The Guidelines for Administering the Public Art Program state the **procedure for evaluating submittals for artist/artwork selection** shall be used to review public art donation requests.
- Additional research is required before staff recommend initiating the proposal evaluation process.
  1. Review installation needs with the artist and a structural engineer.
  2. Discuss the proposed installation site with City Engineers and ROW.
  3. Coordinate project review with other agencies.
- Pending Arts Council direction, staff would present findings and a recommendation for next steps at an Arts Council meeting in 2026.