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### **Tigard is taking art outdoors; Tigard Outdoor Museum**

Staff from the City of Tigard and the director for its partnering organization, Tualatin Valley Creates recently completed a site walk with the three large-scale visual artists selected for the soon to be Tigard Outdoor Museum. The Museum will artistically interpret the rich and sometimes complicated palimpsest history of Tigard and the surrounding region. The project is a three-quarter-mile linear museum that will connect a new public plaza on Main Street in Downtown Tigard to employment and housing areas. Development for the Outdoor Museum began early 2019 when the City was awarded a \$75,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant.

After an expansive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that had received 59 applications, three artists were selected by a review panel comprised of community stakeholders and members of the arts sector. Each artist comes from varied public art backgrounds. MJ Lindo-Lawyer and her husband are a mural team from Santa Rosa, California. Their styles juxtaposes romantic portraiture with graphic, high-contrast illustrations. Jennifer Kuhns from Elma, Washington utilizes tile and glass mosaic to depict elaborate narratives rooted in regional cultures. Christine Clark, a Portland-based sculptor has an extensive portfolio of diaphanous ironworks that both define shapes and allow them to disappear.

The Outdoor Museum will be located along the former railroad bed. The entire trail will be tied together by upright abstracted panels being designed by urban artist, Suenn Ho. Ho's series of interpretive works will also include plaque cards sharing pivotal stories in the region's history.

Works are planned to be installed early summer 2020. For questions, please contact Tualatin Valley Creates at 503-567-1713 or [info@tvcreates.org](mailto:info@tvcreates.org)

### **About Tualatin Valley Creates**

Tualatin Valley Creates is the leading arts service organization for Washington County, Oregon. TVC drives the development of inclusive, resilient, creative communities using arts, culture, heritage, and humanities by increasing visibility for community engagement opportunities and by bridging resources needed to support people working in the local creative industries. Visit [www.tvcreates.org](http://www.tvcreates.org) to learn more.

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