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Feature art installations by international artists



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The Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation and the Des Moines Airport have partnered and selected five artists to create five large-scale art installations throughout the new airport terminal, scheduled to open in 2026.

To support the artist selection and installation process, the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation launched a \$4 million fundraising effort in late 2023. It has raised just over 80% of the fundraising goal, to date.

What artists will be featured at the Des Moines International Airport?

Adam Frank, Alteronce Gumby, Gordon Huether and Anne Lindberg were chosen from an international pool of artists for four interior sites throughout the terminal, according to a news release.

Through an open call to artists living and working in Iowa, Matt Niebuhr / RDG Art Studio's proposal was chosen for an exterior site.

Finalists were selected by a committee of representatives from the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation, the Des Moines Airport Authority and community stakeholders.

Where will the new art be at the Des Moines International Airport?

Iowa-born artist Anne Lindberg will be featured on the wall above the new check-in counter and both terminal end walls adjacent to check-in. Lindberg's "subtle and sophisticated use of material and color" will complement the terminal's architecture, the news release said.

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A suspended artwork by Gordon Huether of California will be on the new terminal's second floor. This artwork will hover over the "meeter-greeter" space where friends and relatives gather to welcome passengers or see them off on their journey, the release said

The fourth site will be the wall adjacent to the "meeter-greeter" space, consisting of Alteronce Gumby's tonal paintings, created from locally sourced calcite, moss agate, pearls and chalcedony.

The final site includes the exterior approach to the terminal and nearby bus shelters, the release said. Niebuhr / RDG's work will celebrate local plants and vegetation.

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