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SLC airport passengers will soon get to pass through the Central Tunnel. Here's what will greet them on the other side.

Travelers who enter a new plaza on concourse B from the Central Tunnel will be met by a piece called Northern Light.



(Salt Lake City) A rendering of Northern Light, the art installation that will greet travelers when they arrive on concourse B after passing through the Central Tunnel at Salt Lake City International Airport.

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end of one journey before travelers take flight for another.

Installation will begin on Northern Light in about three weeks, the artist said. The roughly 15-foot-wide, 4,000-pound structure of stainless steel, dichroic glass and hand-drawn glass rods will be located in a new plaza on concourse B and will be visible to passengers who emerge from the [Central Tunnel](#) after the walkway opens in October.

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“You could almost call it,” Huether said, “the period at the end of a sentence.”

That’s because travelers get a sampling of Huether’s work from the moment they enter airport property to the time they reach their gate.

Huether’s artwork includes [The Peaks](#) at the airport’s entrance, [The Falls](#) glass installation by the escalators near baggage claim, [The Canyon](#) on the walls of the airport’s main atrium, and will soon include [River Tunnel](#), the artist’s name for his work in the Central Tunnel.

(Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) Artist Gordon Huether oversees installation of The Peaks near the entrance to Salt Lake City International Airport, Friday, Sept. 29, 2023.

“The idea behind it is we’re celebrating the natural beauty of Utah,” he said. “... We’re trying to kind of de-escalate the stress of travel.”

Huether’s fingerprints are also on a piece of Utah history that travelers will view after arriving back on Beehive State soil. He [led the restoration of the Hoberman Arch](#) — an iconic relic from the Medals Plaza during the 2002 Winter Olympics — which was [unveiled last year](#) after being [disassembled for years](#).

(Rick Egan | The Salt Lake Tribune) The Hoberman Arch is unveiled at Salt Lake International Airport on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023.

