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Brookline Arts Center presents new public art installation in Monmouth Park, *Shimmer*

Brookline, MA – The Brookline Arts Center (BAC) is thrilled to present our 2020 public art installation, *Shimmer*, on view in Monmouth Park May 1-October 31. *Shimmer* was created by artist Meagan Hepp, who has worked at the BAC since June 2017. For this installation, Hepp created a site-specific sculptural replication of the BAC’s historic building. The sculpture itself is a silhouette structure built from wood and painted wire mesh. Plastic ribbon, recycled by hand from plastic water bottles, are woven through the mesh, filling in the walls of the building. During the day, the bottles reflect the sunlight out into the community and at night, the structure is lit from inside, creating a dramatic pattern on the park’s floor.

“With my background in sculpture and my deep connection to the BAC community, I plan to put my own spin on public art in Monmouth Park,” Hepp said. “My goal is to connect with and celebrate the history, values, and community that make up the Brookline Arts Center.”

With the help of the BAC community, Hepp collected recyclable bottles from the Brookline area to create the piece. Each bottle has been turned into a spool of plastic ribbon and woven into the structure. In addition to creating sculpture, Hepp also teaches and runs the ceramics studio at the BAC. This is her first solo public art piece.

“In this sculptural world, both destruction and healing are painful, messy, and ongoing—leaving structures standing shakily, yes, but nevertheless standing,” said Hepp. “For the structure in Monmouth Park, I hope to use the metaphor of recycling and repurposing to bring the conversation of environment and the action of the community to the forefront.”

The BAC sought proposals for this six-month public art installation in Monmouth Park. This installation launches the new permanent public art component of the BAC’s gallery program. Each year, one dynamic solo artist or small collaborative group will have the opportunity to experiment and develop their work with the support of the BAC. Artist(s) selected will design, create and exhibit their proposed installation. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Brookline Commission for the Arts, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. It is also supported by The Brookline Community Foundation and The Brookline Parks and Open Space Division.

Learn more about the [installation](#) and our [public art program](#) at www.brooklineartscenter.com.

The BAC is a visual arts center committed to bringing the community meaningful experiences in the arts through classes, exhibitions and outreach.