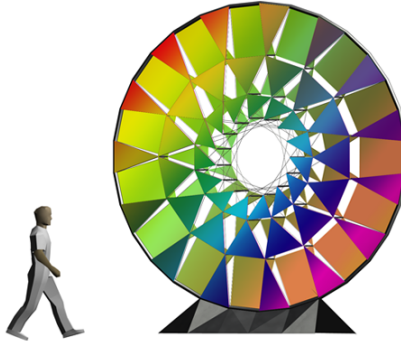


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“SOLARDISC”

By Ray King

*A High-Tech, Steel and Holographic Glass Sculpture
5901 Zuni Road in SE Albuquerque, NM*

Artist Ray King has installed “SolarDisc,” a 16’ high, freestanding sculpture, commissioned by the Arts in Public Places programs of Bernalillo County and New Mexico, to greet travelers along Zuni Road and welcome staff and clients to Bernalillo county’s Metropolitan Assessment and Treatment Services (MATS) facility.

The tensile sculpture is constructed of stainless steel and glass laminated with holographic film that refracts pure color when struck by sunlight and exhibits a shimmering silvery iridescence, similar to luminous fish scales. The refractive nature of the glass captures and reflects light and color in unpredictable and ever changing ways.

Solar Disc is inspired by Native American pottery patterns and ancient religious symbols (Tibetan mandalas, Hex signs and Chinese Bi), the sculpture will greet staff workers, clients and visitors with a brilliant display of jewel-like natural colors.

“I envision this sculpture as a symbol for hope and healing, to help uplift the spirits of those seeking help at the MATS facility,” says King. “I hope that it will serve as a beacon of light for the International District of Albuquerque.”