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New Public Art Installation Featured in Art Box at North Hills

New Work Sleeper Created by Raleigh Artists Lincoln Hancock and Mollie Earls

Raleigh, N.C.—Art Box at North Hills, a public art collaboration with the North Carolina Museum of Art along Six Forks Road in Raleigh, has a new installation, *Sleeper*, by Raleigh artists Lincoln Hancock and Mollie Earls. The unveiling celebration took place Tuesday at Overlook Park at North Hills between the Bank of America Tower and Cowfish. The Art Box installation, a unique public art display case, is part of an ongoing partnership to bring art to public spaces; the new work replaces inaugural installation *EyeCentennials* by Nate Sheaffer.

"At the NCMA we work to connect art, nature, and people, and the Art Box is a natural extension of that mission," said Marjorie Hodges, the NCMA's director of external relations and special projects. "The partnership of Kane Realty and the NCMA has been a meaningful way to spotlight North Carolina artists' work in an accessible public setting."

Hancock and Earls write that *Sleeper* is meant to be a "dynamic dreamscape" in an urban setting, provoking personal reflection of various topics such as "ritual and magic; science and logic; systems thinking and design; art and music." The installation is meant to bring a moment of pause and art appreciation to busy folks going about their day.

"With our second installation of the Art Box, we are thrilled to continue our collaborative efforts with the NCMA in providing a platform for local artists to create and display public art for our entire community to enjoy," said John Kane, CEO of Kane Realty Corporation.



Hancock is a Raleigh-based artist, designer, and musician whose mixed-media paintings, installations, and community-oriented projects have been seen at the NCMA, the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, and CAM Raleigh. His interactive site-specific light installation, *FLAG*, inhabited a storefront on East Martin Street in downtown Raleigh during the summer of 2016. Earls is an artist, arts

educator, and scenographer with a background in design. She leads the CAM to GO Program at CAM Raleigh and teaches art to inmates at Raleigh's Central Prison. Her work has been seen at the Nasher, CAM Raleigh, and Lump Gallery/Projects.

The NCMA and Kane Realty are committed to bringing art into public spaces. In addition to this installation, the organizations recently collaborated on the <u>North Hills Parking Deck Gallery</u>, featuring works of art from the NCMA's *Teens*, *Inspired* program.

Image Caption

Visitors stand in front of *Sleeper*, unveiled at a public reception on Tuesday, November 14. Photo courtesy of Kane Realty.

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About the North Carolina Museum of Art

The North Carolina Museum of Art's permanent collection spans more than 5,000 years, from ancient Egypt to the present, making the institution one of the premier art museums in the South. The Museum's collection provides educational, aesthetic, intellectual, and cultural experiences for the citizens of North Carolina and beyond. The 164-acre Museum Park showcases the connection between art and nature through site-specific works of environmental art. The Museum offers changing national touring exhibitions, classes, lectures, family activities, films, and concerts.

The Museum opened West Building, home to the permanent collection, in 2010. The North Carolina Museum of Art, Lawrence J. Wheeler, director, is located at 2110 Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh. It is the art museum of the State of North Carolina, Roy Cooper, governor, and an agency of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Susi Hamilton, secretary.

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