

Backgrounder

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Artist Selected for Riverwood Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP) - Public Art Project

About the Artist

MARC FORNES / THEVERYMANY is an art and architecture studio specializing in computational design and digital fabrication. Over the past ten years, the studio has designed and built an extensive body of large-scale, highly-organic and self-supported structures in the realm of public art. These installations have been featured in Canada, the U.S. and France.

Artist Statement

Pine Sanctuary is an iconic signal from afar, and unique experience of space and light from within. A mystical enclosure at a scale between sculpture and architecture, the structure creates a space that can happily host activity from spontaneous playful to quiet contemplation. Like its neighbouring pine trees, no angle or view ever repeats itself exactly, so every step both inside and out prolongs the sense of discovery.

The piece is contemporary in its design and production, but also in its coloration. Colours plucked from the surroundings are pushed to gradients of abstraction and artificiality, a contemporary update on the natural landscape that forms an iconic and playful signal – creating a unique identity for Riverwood. This is a place for spontaneous play as much as it is a sanctuary for one to simply lose their time.

The artwork will measure approximately 25ft in height, will be made from the highest quality of aluminum and will be designed and engineered in Canada with Canadian suppliers.

Art Selection Committee Members (Listed in alphabetical order)

Charles Brown - The Riverwood Conservancy

Bonnie Devine - Associate Professor, OCAD, curator, writer & Indigenous Artist

Mike Giguere - Visual Arts Mississauga

Jesse de Jager - Credit Valley Conservation

Rod MacDonald - Landscape Architect, Landplan

Short-Listed Artists (Listed in alphabetical order)

Jill Anholt

Linda Covit

Figureground Studio

Marc Fornes & THEVERYMANY

Noel Harding*

Jennifer Marman + Daniel Borins

PLANT Architect Inc.

Paul Raff Studio

Widgery Studio

*Mr. Noel Harding was short-listed, however, sadly passed away during the competition. The City of Mississauga would like to express heartfelt condolences to Mr. Harding's family and friends.