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## **GET READY FOR DOWNTOWN'S NEWEST ATTRACTION IN 2021: THE AUGUSTA SCULPTURE TRAIL**

Augusta will be joining a national array of cities that bring new art into public spaces through the temporary lease of outdoor sculptures. 120 artists from across the country submitted images and physical specifications for their ready-to-install, original sculptures. The top ten sculptors were selected and invited to bring their sculptures to downtown Augusta for installation. The pieces will remain a part of the Sculpture Trail for two years. Some of the most engaging sculptors in the country show their artwork this way, gaining professional recognition and sometimes having their pieces purchased. There is also a possibility that a piece may be purchased to become a permanent part of a host city's public art collection.

Augusta's Sculpture Trail public art sculptures will be located downtown and placed at intervals that will make for a fun and easy outdoor walking trail. Selected locations use City of Augusta sidewalks for access, making them fully accessible for everyone to enjoy. The Greater Augusta Arts Council will produce a digital walking tour that can be accessed from any mobile device. This tool will help visitors learn specifics about each work of art and artist while they explore the Sculpture Trail.

Sculpture Trail highlights include:

- 10 Public Sculptures from Nationally Renowned Artists
- Feb. 6, 2021 Celebration and Unveiling
- Walking Tour App with Info on Each Sculpture and Artist
- A Perfect Social Distancing Attraction for Groups, Families and Visitors
- Monthly Events for 2 Years tied to the Augusta Sculpture Trail locations
- Sculpture Trail Open January 2021- January 2023

An early version of one of the walking tours can be found here: <https://opentour.emory.edu/augustatours/augusta-sculpture-trail>

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