



Tempe Public Art



Ron Bimrose *Bicycle Locker, 2000*

Painted steel

Location:
Tempe Library Complex
3500 S Rural Road

Artist Website:
www.RonBimrose.com

Description: This strictly functional metal bicycle storage locker has been turned into a work of art by embellishing it with imagery that celebrates the bicycle. The purpose of the project is to encourage employees at municipal facilities to use bicycles as an alternate form of transportation. Visual artist Bimrose and poet Rita Maria Magdalena worked with eighth-grade students from McKemy Middle School in the development of design concepts for the locker and of bicycle-related poetry. Bimrose refined the student designs and integrated Magdalena's poetry to create the final design for the 48-inch high locker which features a brightly painted surface and poetry.

Artist biography: Bimrose received his Master of Fine Arts degree from Arizona State University in 1984. His artwork is primarily mixed media on paper and often utilizes photographic imagery. His work has been shown in several solo and group exhibitions, both in Arizona and throughout the United States.

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