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Art in Private Development Fact Sheet



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Photo: Craig Smith

Artwork

River Passage

Development

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Address

1507 N. Project Dr.

Artist

Russell Marohnic

Completion

2000

Material

Stone

Description: This one-of-a-kind contemporary piece, created of hand-selected quarried sandstone dating back two million years, is comprised of three unique water pillars which seem to grow from their base in freeform shapes. Each pillar's cascading water flows into "river" shapes meandering below with tranquil, melodic sounds. The custom curved viewing bench provides a place of repose to appreciate the sounds and shapes of this sculpture.

Funding: This project was funded by the individual developer as a requirement of Tempe's Art in Private Development Ordinance.

Artist biography: Russell Marohnic's background includes space design. Along with Tempe, his artwork appears in Phoenix, Scottsdale and Chandler, as well as out of state. All of his sculptures are contemporary, one-of-a-kind and created of metal, stone and glass with tranquil engineered water sounds that are as unique as their shapes. He has been featured in many national publications.

Artist's process: For the artist, it is important that his creations complement their environment. The play of light, sensitive to each sculpture's surroundings, is a major factor in his designs. His natural stones are hand-selected for their coloration and veining. Preserving the material and turning the stone into works of art to be appreciated is an act of love and a passion for Russell Marohnic.