



MNP Community & Sport Centre LEAP Public Art Announcement

It is with great enthusiasm that the Lindsay Park Sports Society announces the selection of renowned Canadian artist Micah Lexier for the MNP Community & Sport Centre Leisure Expansion Aquatics Project public art commission.

A Bigger Splash will be a tiled image of an energetic splash that responds to the new natatorium at the MNP Community & Sport Centre. Bursting from the splash are an array of images of eclectic objects rendered in baked enamel porcelain. People from different communities, including facility users, will be able to suggest ideas for objects to be included in the artwork on Instagram @MNPobjects. Dozens of these silhouetted images will combine in surprising ways around the centre to encourage visitors to explore and navigate the building in search of them. In A Bigger Splash, Micah Lexier imaginatively explores the concepts of play, pattern, meaning, and association that will ignite curiosity, excitement, and participation in visitors to the center over time.

Project public art values by contributing to a dynamic community hub where people feel welcome to explore, gather, and connect. Integrated within the natatorium and at sites throughout the facility, A Bigger Splash contributes to the expansion's architectural and design intentions, to activate and connect new and existing spaces in the building through a unified visual language.

On behalf of the Lindsay Park Sports Society, Calgary-based CMCK Public Art ran a highly competitive, international, two-stage public art process with a local selection panel to select Micah Lexier's artwork, A Bigger Splash.

Artist's Bio

Micah Lexier is an award-winning Canadian artist whose conceptual art activities include making, collecting, and organizing. He uses information, images, and materials to express playful and nuanced ideas. He is interested in measurement, increment, found imagery and display systems. Lexier's projects range in scale from limited edition multiples to architecturally scaled public sculptures. A Bigger Splash will be Lexier's eighteenth public artwork, building on over thirty years of work in public space at recreation, cultural and medical centres, transit hubs, universities, and private corporations. Over his forty-year career, he has also participated in over 120 solo exhibitions and more than 250 group exhibitions at galleries and museums. In 2015 Lexier was honoured with a Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts for significant contributions to the field. His work is in numerous public and corporate collections including The British Museum (London, England), Contemporary Art Gallery (Sydney, Australia), Art Gallery of Ontario (Toronto), and National Gallery of Canada (Ottawa).