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YOUTHFUL DRAGON

Dragons have major spiritual significance in various religions and cultures around the world. Nashua artist Kimberly Leach led the creation of the "Youthful Dragon," involving many youth from Greater Nashua. The dragon's head was created by artist Bob Harmon for a Chinese New Year Celebration. In many Asian cultures dragons represent the power of nature, wisdom, and longevity. Special thanks to Alan Leach and Adam Svedberg.





BLUE BOAT

Blue Boat is a public artwork created by artist Jerry Beck in collaboration with artist/educator Danielle Friedberg and the Gate City Charter School for the Arts. This school-wide project used a specialized tape product to wrap thrown-away and natural materials into something magical and meaningful for all participants. The innovative boat design touched upon many contemporary and historic themes including the importance of water as a means for transportation, power for the mills, recreation and natural beauty.

MAIN STREET PHOENIX

The phoenix is a mythical and sacred bird that symbolizes rebirth and renewal in many cultures throughout the world. For the *ARTventures:Nashua* project the phoenix symbolizes the inspiring renaissance happening in Downtown. Led by artist Jerry Beck, the project includes the participation of students, teachers, and artists from Nashua High South, The Revolving Museum, and the Gate City Charter School for the Arts, whose mascot is a Phoenix.



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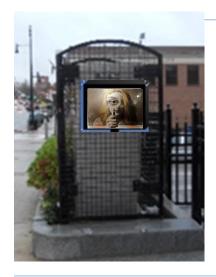
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HEADING TOWARD THE HOLIDAYS

The "Big Head" was conceived by artist Jerry Beck and The Revolving Museum as an ever-evolving collaborative and mobile public artwork. For ARTventures: Nashua, the sculpture is transformed with a glittery community drawing to celebrate the holiday season. Special thanks to Gate City Charter School for the Arts, Bob Harmon, Meadowbrook Inventions, Incorporated, and all the volunteers that assisted to make this project a reality.





GLASS ART BOXES

Nashua artist Eric Schwartz of Gator Glass Art created these glass artworks within steel boxes created by Andrew Ryder with help from Makelt Labs. The glass artworks integrate curious and emotive images intended to spark one's curiosity and memory. Schwartz will also collaborate with young people from the public schools to create glass artwork that will be presented in downtown this spring and summer.

ENCHANTED CASTLE

Created by artist Jerry Beck and a team of youth, this project sparks the fantastical, adventurous and real world of beautiful castles in which kings, queens, knights, and princesses inhabited for centuries. Please come take a picture inside the "Enchanted Castle" and become part of this interactive public artwork.



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