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MTA To Receive Art Award

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority will receive an Award for Excellence in Design from the Art Commission of the City of New York on January 29 for art work that will be installed at the Sheepshead Bay station on the D/Q line in Brooklyn.

E. Virgil Conway, Chairman of the MTA, who will receive the award from Mayor Rudolph V. Giuliani at the City Hall ceremony, said, "I am delighted that the visual contribution the MTA is making to the Sheepshead Bay community has been recognized by the city's Art Commission."

The award is being presented for "Postcards from Sheepshead Bay," an MTA Arts for Transit project, designed by artist DeBorah Goletz, that will consist of ceramic tile murals and architectural ornamentation.

MTA Arts for Transit brings visual and performing arts to metropolitan area transit customers, and is responsible for commissioning more than 65 permanent art works that have become a part of landscape of the MTA network. Sandra Bloodworth, Director of MTA Arts for Transit, said, "We are particularly proud of this award which highlights the Sheepshead Bay project and is reflective of our commitment to making each station special."

The city's Art Commission, created in 1898, reviews and approves works of public art, architecture and landscape architecture in New York City. The 11 members of the commission include a painter, sculptor, architect, landscape architect, and three lay members. The awards are presented annually.

Artist DeBorah Goletz said, "As a ceramic artist, it is an honor for me to create these murals which tie together Sheepshead Bay's historical past with its promising future." She will create ceramic murals designed to resemble antique postcards of well known historic sights of Sheepshead Bay. With ten years of experience as a potter, Ms. Goletz is hand fabricating the tiles that will be used in the project.

The installation is expected to be completed by December 1998.