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MTA Installs Art In Grand Army Plaza Station

Metropolitan Transportation Authority Arts for Transit held an opening ceremony for the installation of artwork in the Grand Army Plaza subway station in Brooklyn on the 2/3 line on Thursday, June 19th.

The Grand Army Plaza Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, a structure celebrating the victory of the Union army in the Civil War and situated on the street above the station, influenced artist Jane Greengold's Wings for the IRT: The Irresistible Romance of Travel. The central motif of the terra cotta bas relief mosaics and bronze plaques is the Winged Victory found on the arch above. The artworks are located at the base of the station's three entrances and above the stairway to the subway platform.

Ms. Greengold, who lived in Park Slope for almost 20 years, used the Grand Army Plaza station regularly, said, "Wings for the IRT pays tribute to the subway system in its use of the IRT logo and to the neighborhood in its use of local imagery." The artwork is part of the MTA Arts for Transit Permanent Art Program.

The Ninth Street Stompers, a Dixieland group from the Music Under New York Program, entertained the public, and refreshments were generously donated by local Park Slope businesses.