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### MTA Public Art Blooms Throughout The Bronx

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority announced that more than a dozen station rehabilitation projects in the Bronx include the installation of permanent art at elevated stations along the 2, 4, and 5 lines under the Arts for Transit Program. The artwork blossoming throughout the Bronx consists of faceted glass panels on platforms, mezzanines and stairways where light pours through. The result is projects that reflect the neighborhood's local imagery and cultures.

"The Bronx is a vibrant borough that is surrounded by train stations with very strong cultural identities and unique characteristics," said Elliot Sander, MTA Executive Director/CEO. "The artworks inspired by the neighborhoods' energy and beauty speak to the people who use the subway and live in the community and to all MTA customers in New York."

Each artist brought a unique vision to the work inspired by the borough's landscape. Several artists are Bronx residents or natives. At the Nereid Avenue station, (artist Noel Copeland) riders can see a beautiful profusion of leaves and flowers that references nearby community gardens and which competes with the New York Botanical Gardens' flora for color and variety. At 233rd Street, (artist Skowmon Hastanan) luminous waterscapes of sparkling koi fish swimming in a pond of lilies create a sanctuary and at Bronx Park East, (artist Candida Alvarez) the majesty of local birds is seen soaring against crisp blue skies.

Public art celebrates the place in which it is located, as at 170th Street, (artist Dina Bursztyn) where colorful renditions of the neighborhood as seen from above, stream through the bright glass panels. Dramatic cityscapes crackle with energy and light at 225th Street (artist Nicky Enright). Over on Fordham Avenue, (artist Moses Ros) figures dance around the platform against backgrounds that show the wares for sale on the street below. At the Allerton Avenue station, (artist Michele Brody) the artist uses the subway map to create colorful ribbons of color in an abstraction of the subway lines that serve the Bronx. At Burke Avenue, (artist Béatrice Coron) the art celebrates the borough's literary heritage and its famous authors.