



Public Art Concepts for TTC Stations

Open House

November 14, 2024

Public Art Process

- Art will be integrated at Bay, Castle Frank, Christie, Donlands, and Lansdowne stations as per the TTC's Art in Public Transit Facilities Policy
- After an open call led to three selected artists per station, a Request for Proposal was issued in 2023 for art concepts
- Selections were made by juries of artists, art educators, and art administrators, including one local representative for each station
- Art concepts are presented at a public open house
- Artists co-ordinate with TTC Chief Architect and construction teams before installation
- More details on the planning process are available on the TTC website: <https://www.ttc.ca/about-the-ttc/TTC-Public-Art-Program>

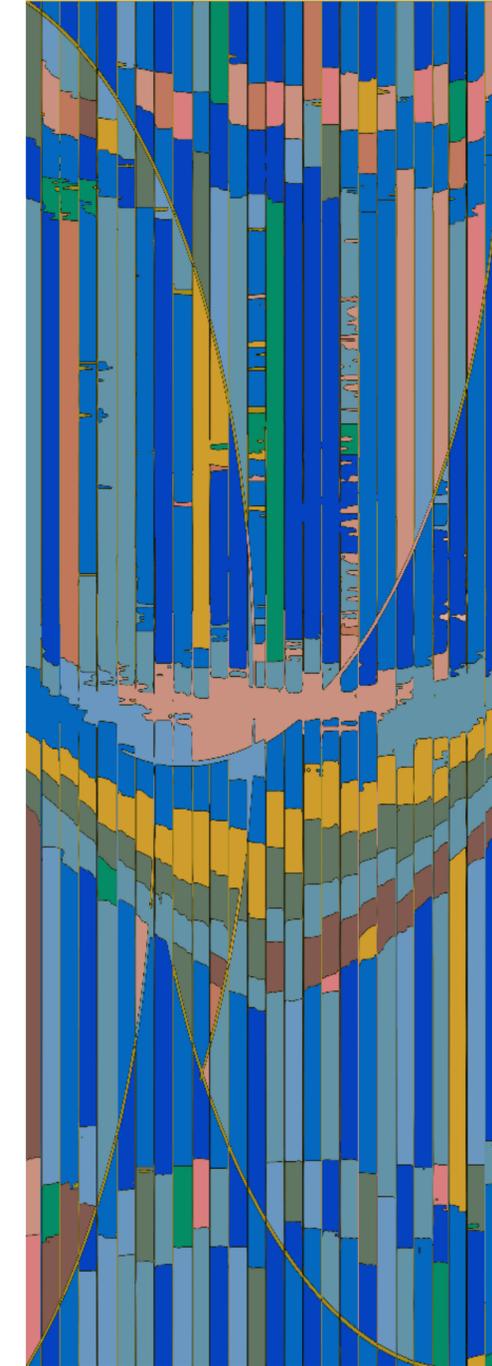


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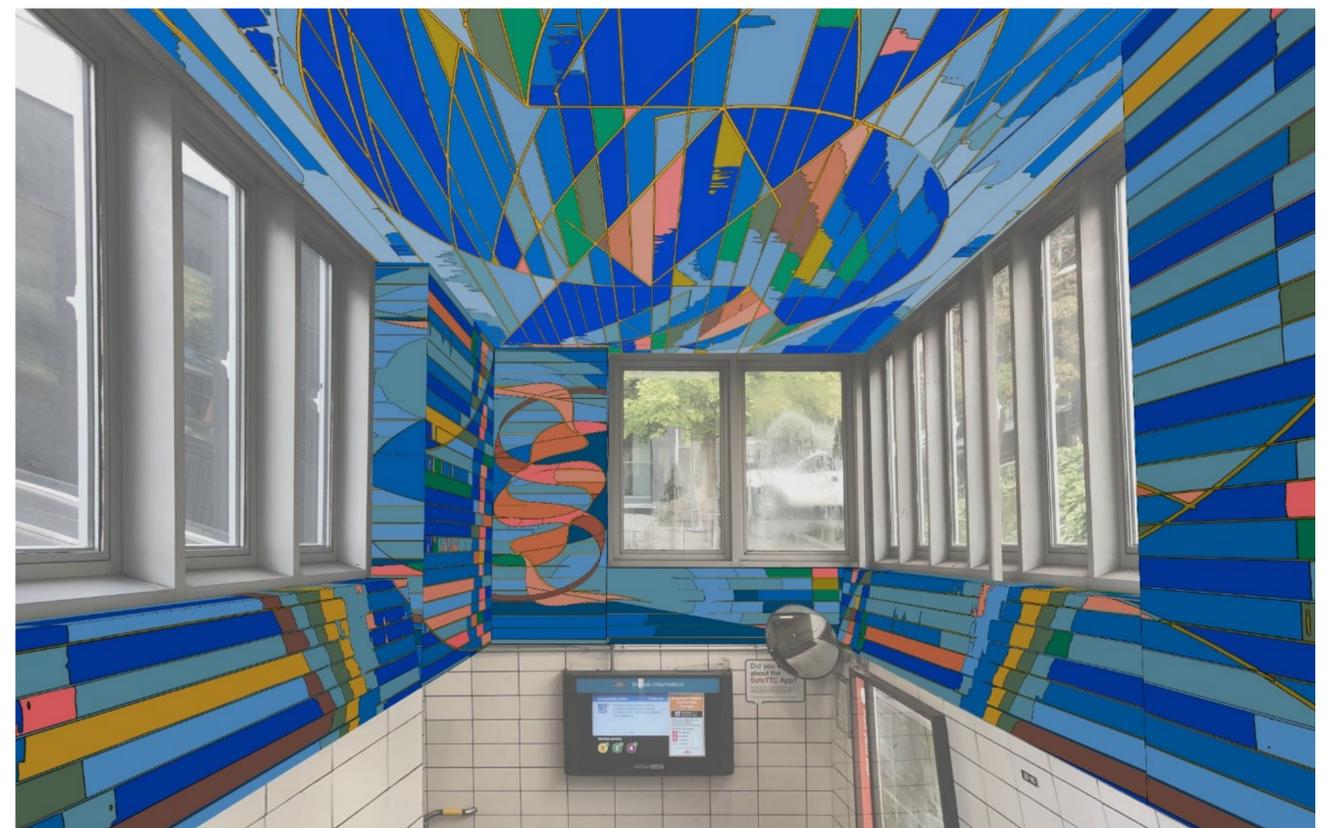
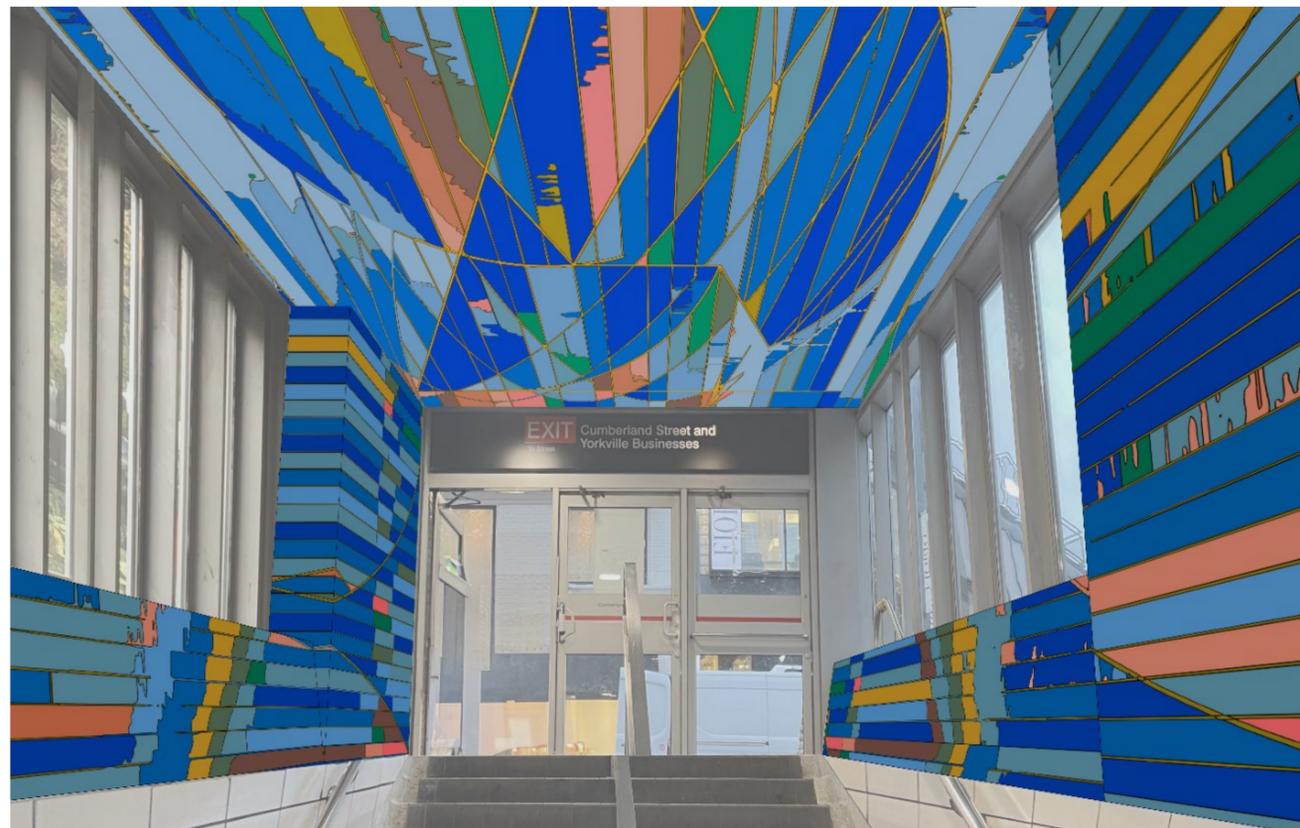
Artist: Francisco-Fernando Granados – *Confluence*

Confluence is a site-specific translation of one of Granados's abstract digital drawings. The proposed mosaic work spans the walls and ceiling. Inspired by the artist's experience as a refugee coming to Canada from Guatemala and his move to Toronto in 2010 to attend graduate school, the artwork draws on themes of inclusion and the making of home in Toronto. This artwork proposes a richly coloured design that brightens the Cumberland entrance, hoping to strike a sense of harmony between the feeling of energy in movement that characterizes Toronto and the sense of peace needed to coexist among so many others. The colours in the composition allude to and honour the history of our city as a meeting place.

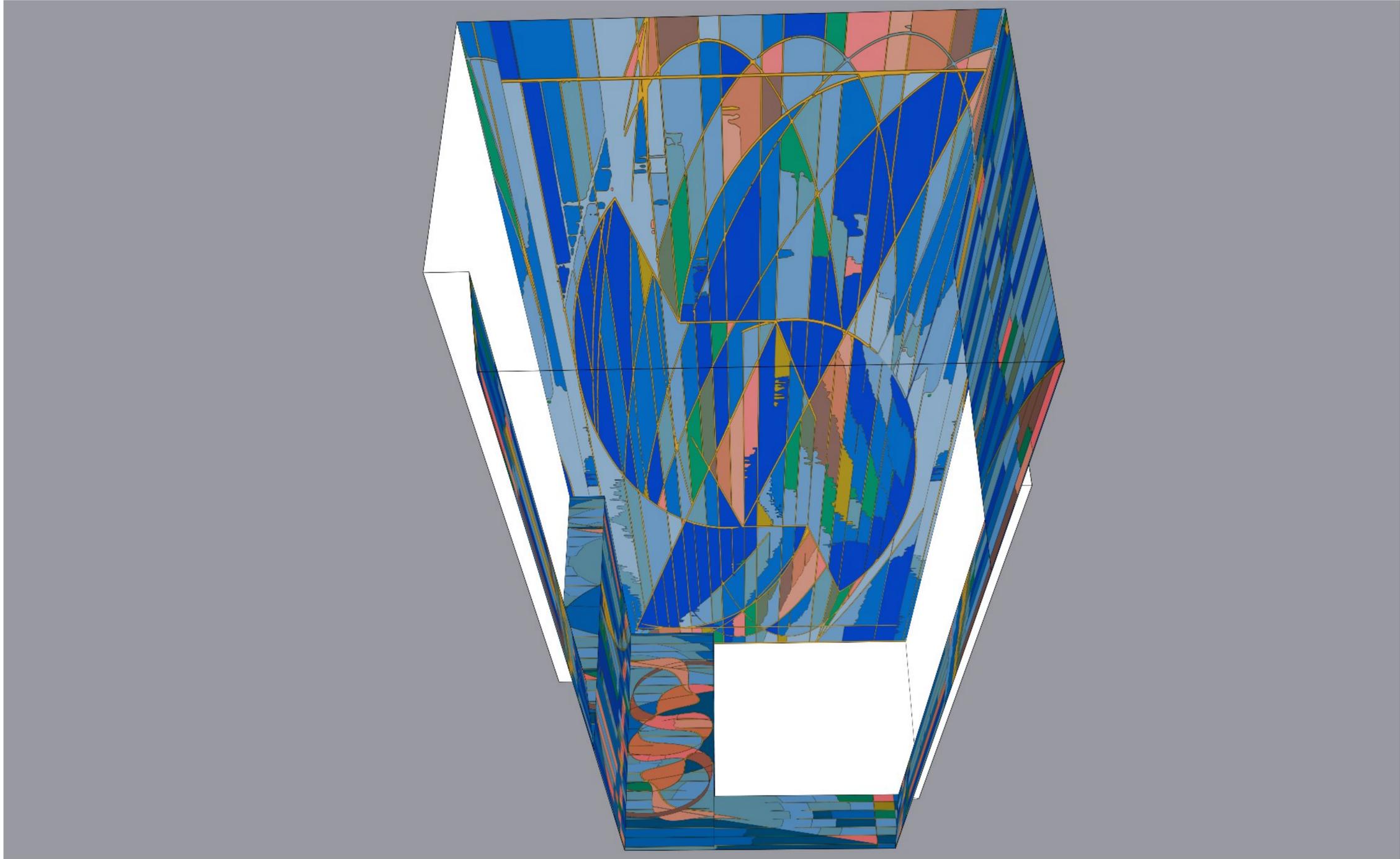
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Castle Frank Station Art Concepts

Artist: Vivian Rosas – *Earth Runs Wild*

Earth Runs Wild is an homage to the existing flora and fauna surrounding Castle Frank Station. Mother Earth sits centre, overlooking Earth and Water to her left and right, emphasizing the delicate balance that sustains life on Earth. It serves as a reminder of a sense of community responsibility and stewardship in preserving and nurturing our beautiful planet. As a three-dimensional wall art installation spanning three connecting walls, the laser-cut, powder-coated aluminum pieces stand off the walls, creating a three-dimensional low-relief effect that brings a touch of the natural world into the station's walls, reminding commuters of their bond to the Earth amidst their bustling routines.



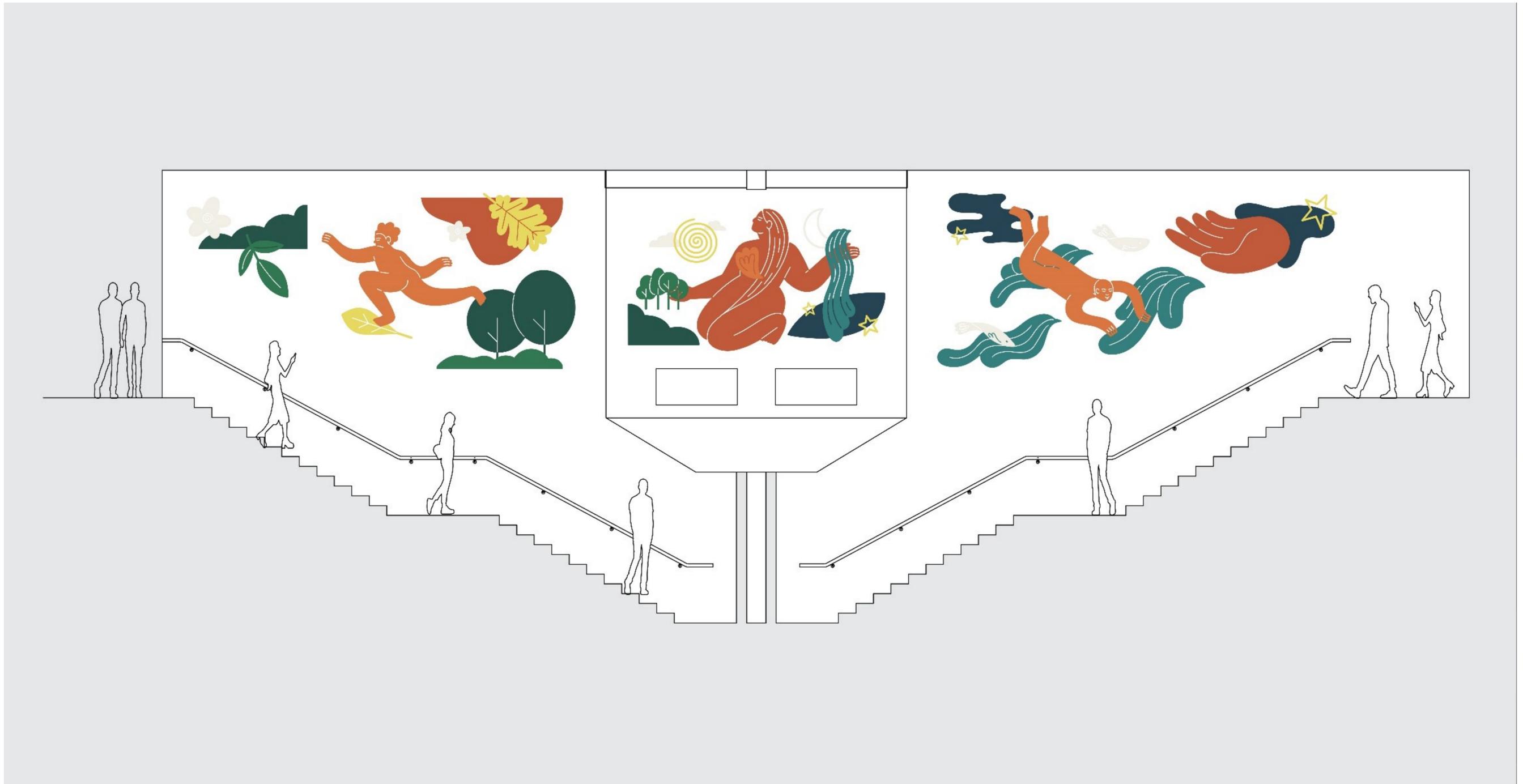
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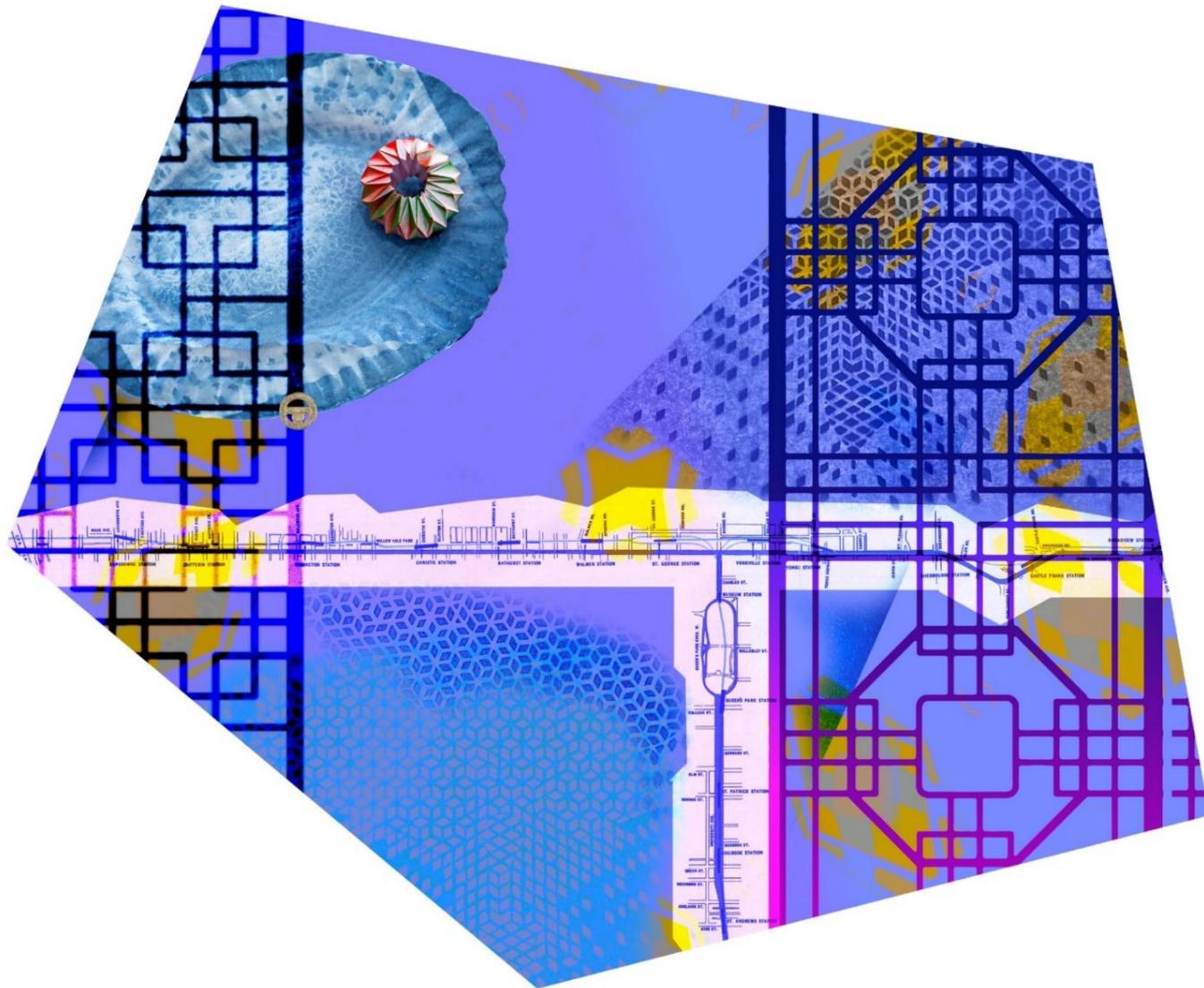


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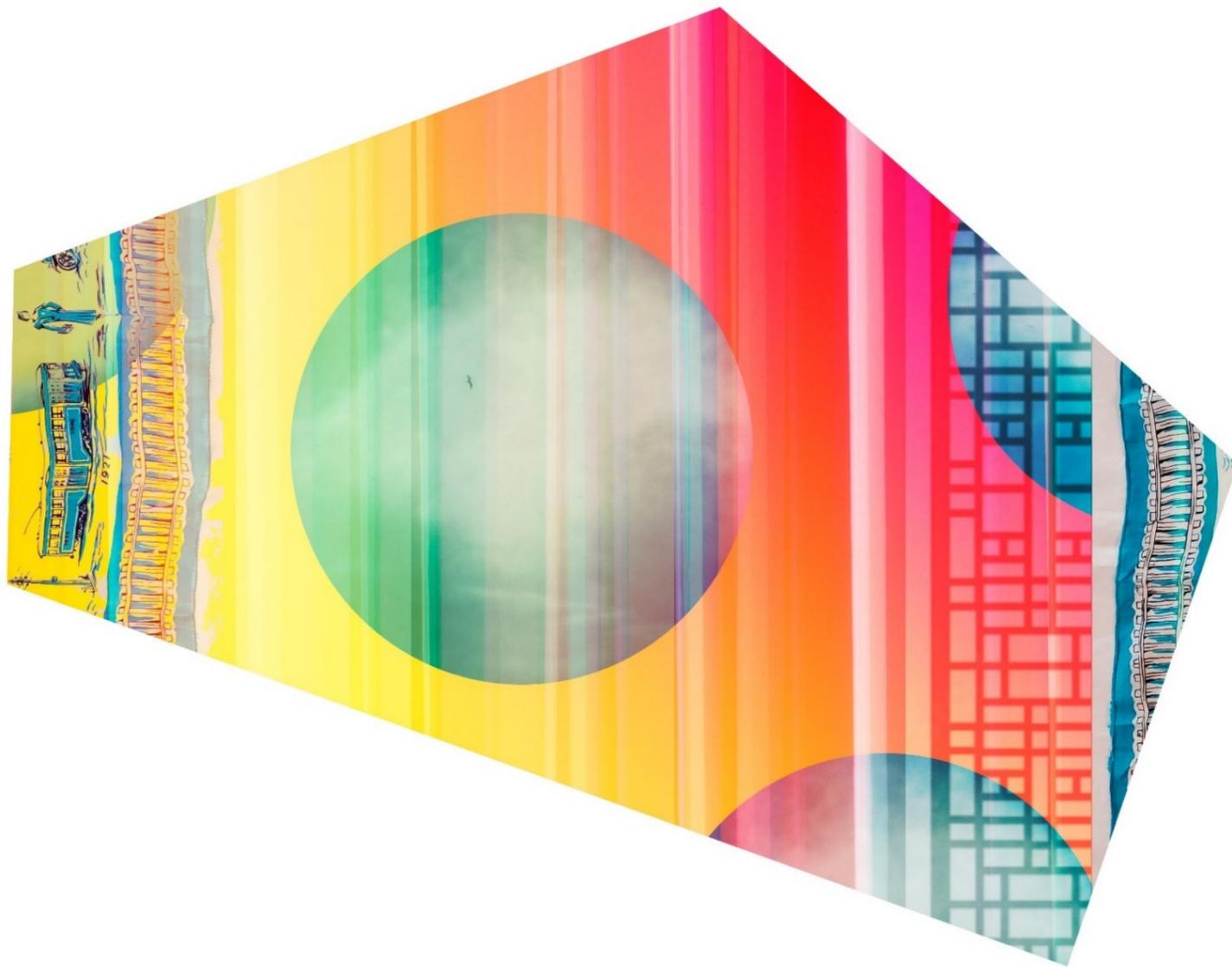
Artist: Sanaz Mazinani – *Rise Together*

Rise Together consists of large photographic artworks that playfully invite viewers to look a little more carefully, enacting a scavenger hunt throughout the image-panels in the station. Using images pulled from the TTC's archive, references to the waterways and natural elements important to Toronto, and images of the rich culture of Korea Town, *Rise Together* is inspired by the community surrounding Christie Station. The project offers commuters a joyful experience on their travels by using elements that are woven together in intricate patterns and with vibrant colours, a staple element in Sanaz Mazinani's practice.

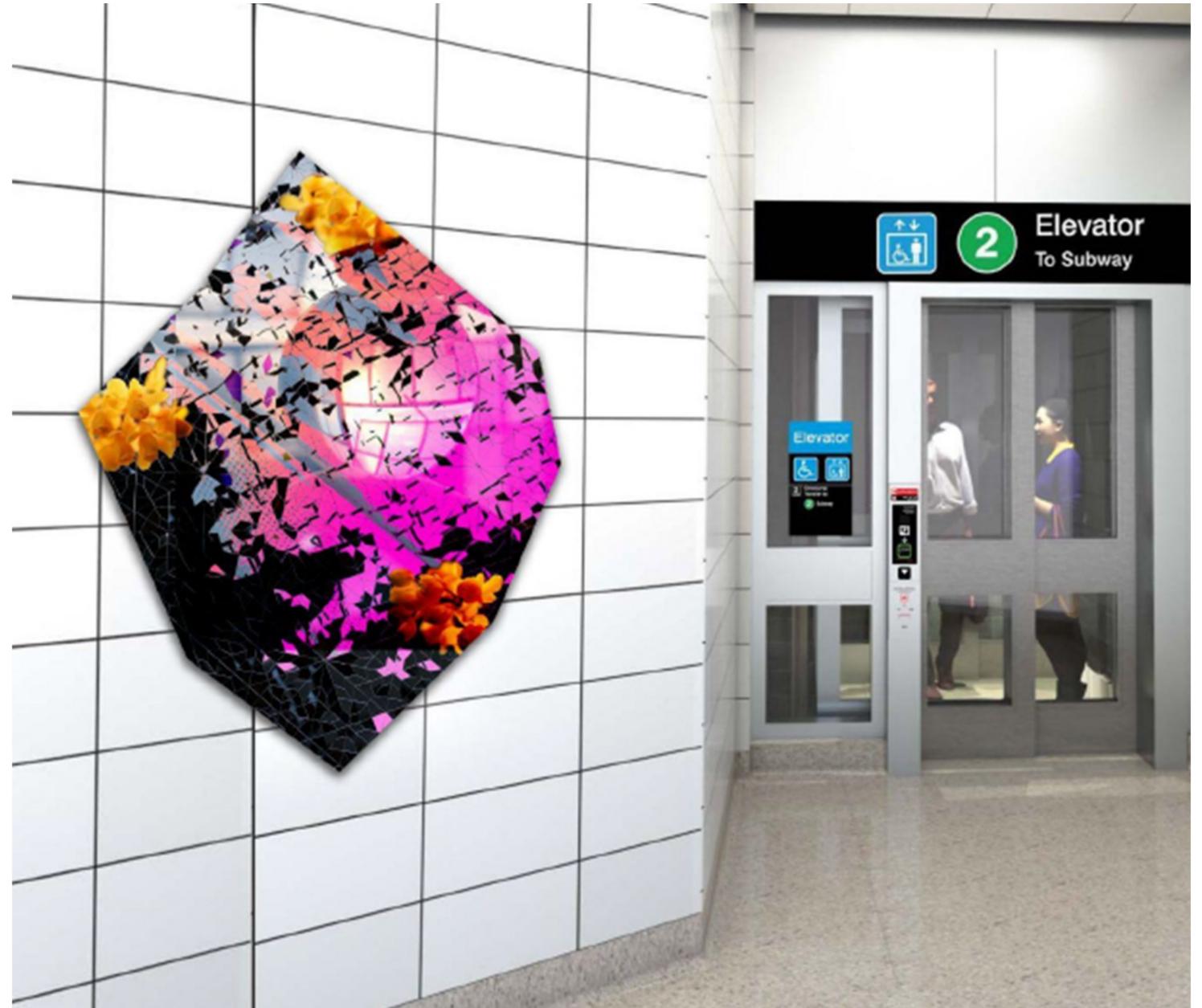
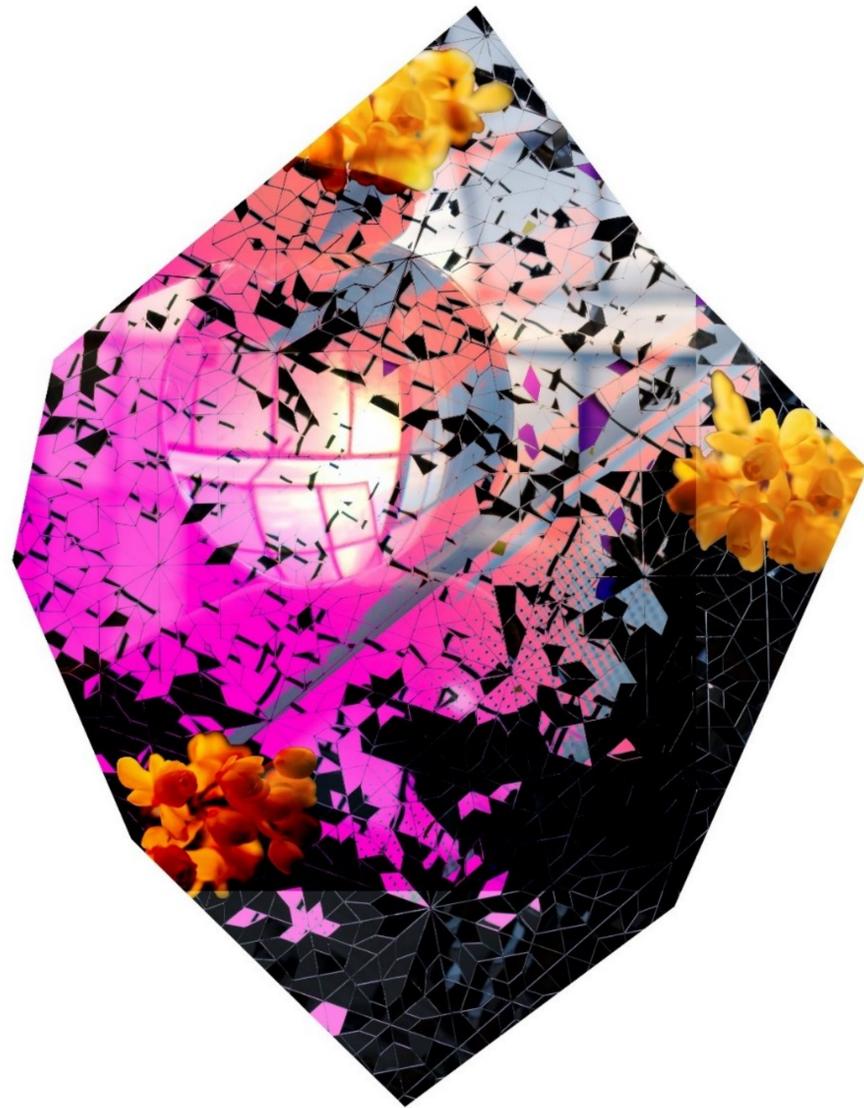
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Donlands Station Art Concepts

Artist: April Hickox – *Field*

Field is a photographic painting on glass comprised of flora, meadow flowers, indigenous plants, birds, and insects. *Field* both references the history of the neighbourhood and the development of Withrow Park as an environmental site. The work hopes to evoke a contemplative space, an oasis within the functional space of the subway. The components of *Field* are arranged in a way that is intended to provide the viewer or passerby with a sense of lying in a field looking up. Plants and flowers reach into the composition from all sides, layered with fallen petals and seeds of renewal. Seasonal change is implied as winter, spring, summer, and fall are represented by the life cycles of the flora.

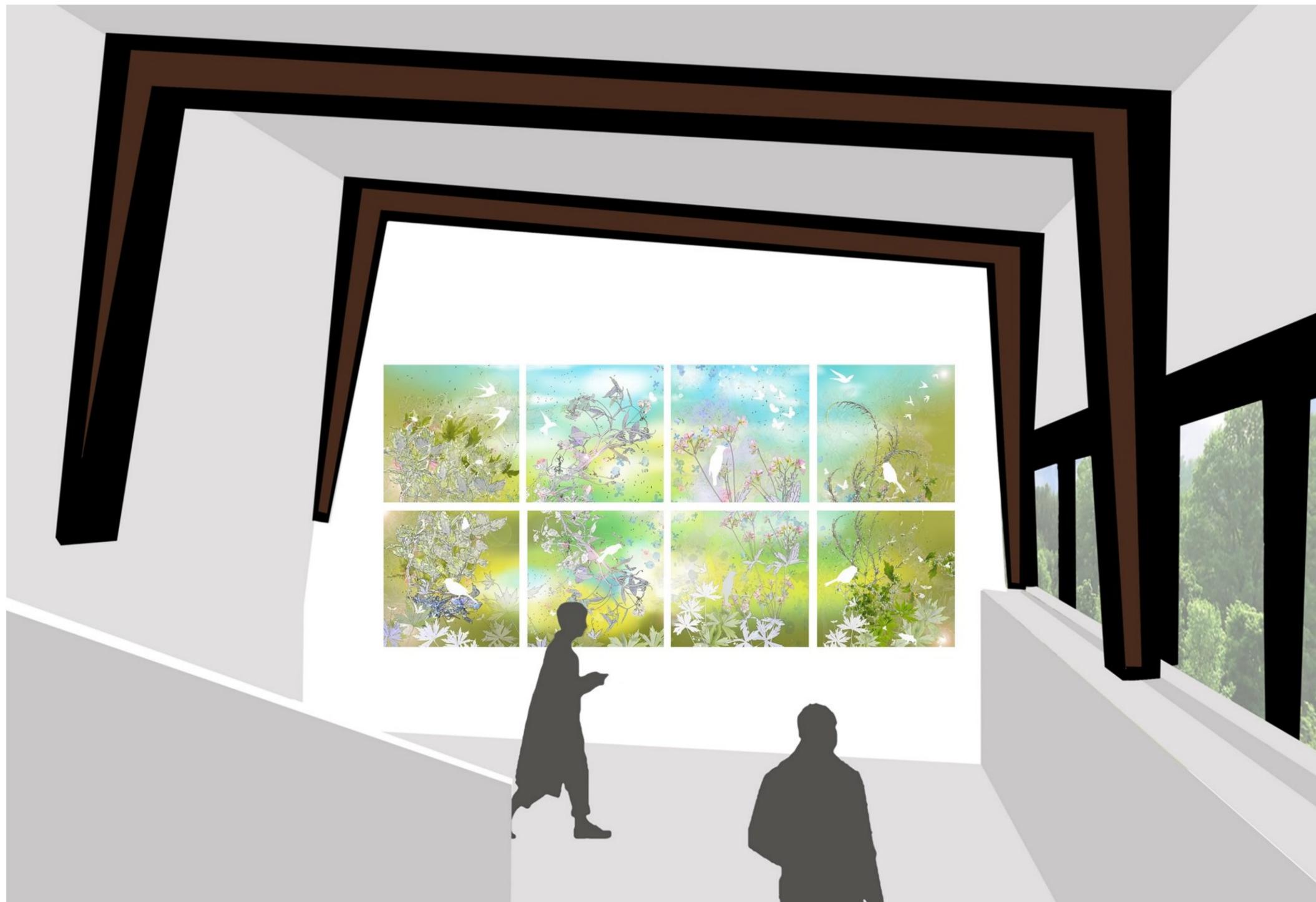
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Lansdowne Station Art Concepts

Artist: Steven Beckly – *Shifting Beauty*

Drawing inspiration from the Dovercourt-Wallace Emerson-Junction neighbourhood, *Shifting Beauty* consists of vibrant imagery of the nearby environment as well as short-form poetry written by members of the local community. Bringing together diverse voices and perspectives, the installation considers the sublime beauty of the neighbourhood, while engaging with the multicultural community it serves through photography and poetry.

As the sun changes positions throughout the day, and throughout the year, the artwork will interact with various types of light, creating a dynamic environment that offers commuters a distinct experience with every encounter. Reflecting the ever-changing nature of the space as well as the community, *Shifting Beauty* embodies the flow and movement of daily commuters through its dynamic reflections, while providing a place to pause and behold the ephemeral beauty of life.



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