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LANDMARKS REOPENS JAMES TURRELL SKYSPACE WITH DYNAMIC NEW PROGRAMMING

Immersive installation reopens August 22 with music and wellness series



AUSTIN, Texas—August 18, 2022—<u>Landmarks</u>, the public art program of The University of Texas at Austin, will reopen James Turrell's Skyspace, *The Color Inside*, on August 22. The installation has been closed this past summer due to a limited schedule at the William C. Powers Student Activity Center, where the work is sited. Landmarks' companion program, <u>Songs in the Skyspace</u>, will resume August 28 with a performance by violinist Shawn LeSure, and a new wellness series will begin in November. Free reservations are required and can be made <u>online</u>.

A unique cultural gem, *The Color Inside* is a freestanding, naked-eye observatory located in the heart of campus. Each sunrise and sunset, a pre-programmed light sequence fills the space with brilliant washes of color. Through Turrell's masterful manipulation of light, the sequences cause the sky to appear in unimaginable hues. Among Austin's most celebrated cultural destinations, the Skyspace is visited by more than 75,000 people each year.

Songs in the Skyspace, Landmarks' popular monthly music series, resumes on August 28 with a performance by violinist <u>Shawn LeSure</u>. Hosted inside the Skyspace, the series features music from across genres, representing a diverse mix of voices and instruments. In addition to LeSure, this season's lineup will feature a capella group <u>Voices of Afrika</u>, singer/songwriter <u>Jelly Ellington</u>, and a newly commissioned work from celebrated composer <u>Nathan Felix</u>. Additional performances will be announced in the coming months.

Landmarks also announces a new series, *Wellness Wednesdays*, led by sound and energy healer, <u>Sonic</u> <u>Starchild</u>. The program will feature sound bath meditations inside the Skyspace with singing bowls, chimes, and gongs. The immersive experiences will run select Wednesdays in November during the sunset light sequence.

SKYSPACE PROGRAMMING

Songs in the Skyspace

Aug 28: Shawn LeSure September 18: TBD October 16: Jelly Ellington Nov 13: Noteworthy Acapella December 11: Travis Weller February 19: Nathan Felix March 19: TBD April 16: TBD

Wellness Wednesdays with Sonic Starchild

November 2: Sound Bath Meditation November 9: Sound Bath Meditation November 16: Sound Bath Meditation November 30: Sound Bath Meditation

The Skyspace and companion programming is free and open to all, but reservations are required. Visitors may book tickets online at <u>turrell.utexas.edu</u>.

Landmarks thanks KMFA 89.5, Austin's independent classical station, for their support of *Songs in the Skyspace*. KMFA895

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Images: Violinist Shawn LeSure, James Turrell Skyspace, Sonic Starchild

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Landmarks is the award-winning public art program of The University of Texas at Austin and the College of Fine Arts. Landmarks' collection of modern and contemporary art celebrates diverse perspectives, featuring commissioned projects alongside sculptures on long-term loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Landmarks inspires thought and growth by making great art free and accessible to all. For more information: landmarksut.org