

**LINDA BEAUMONT**

*Labyrinth, 2003*  
Laminated glass, steel

**Seattle BioMed Building**, 307 Westlake Ave. N.  
(located at exterior building entrance)

According to the artist, *Labyrinth*, placed in front of the main entrance to the SBRI Building, is made “of light and color, with a rhythm that recalls stained glass windows. They glow in the morning light and wash color onto people as they enter the building. At night they shimmer and project their colors outward.” The specific order of colors in this work is derived directly from a chromographic representation of the genetic sequence of the Leishmania parasite. Leishmania, one of the parasites studied at SBRI, causes a disease called leishmaniasis, which affects 12 million people every year. Tucked into the primary images are nodes of color and electron microscopic images of disease-causing organisms.

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**LEO SAUL BERK**

*Threshold, 2009*  
Salvaged wood, epoxy resin

**Rollin Street Flats**, 120 Westlake Ave. N.  
(located at exterior building entrance and building lobby)

The timbers and decking used to create *Threshold* were salvaged from a one-story building that previously stood on the site. To highlight the history of this wood, the artist milled the 100-year-old Douglas fir beams to make them smooth and true, and then patched their cracks, bolt holes, and other imperfections with tinted resin. The flooring tiles are slices from three of these beams; for each set of tiles, Berk emphasized the same year of growth by cutting away a step surrounding the matching growth ring and filling the void with orange-tinted resin. The tiles are in sequence and book-matched to make the resulting pattern. The standing timbers, floor tiles and decking in *Threshold* respond to the building’s design, recall the material’s former use, and allude to the landscape from which they were originally claimed.

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**CRIS BRUCH**

*Universal Adaptor, 2009*  
Cast bronze

**2201 Westlake**, 2201 Westlake Ave.  
(located at West Elm entrance)

Cris Bruch is a constant observer of the shapes and materials that surround us. In *Universal Adaptor*, he borrows the basic form of a common object and transforms it in scale, material and color, revealing the elegance of the everyday. This form simultaneously evokes nature and industry, the past and the present, monumentality and human scale. Familiar, yet difficult to identify, the sculpture appears to conceal a form within it as it either emerges from or sinks into the ground plane. *Universal Adaptor* may seem more permanent than its surroundings, as if it were too heavy to be moved.

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# NOT YOUR AVERAGE NEIGHBORHOOD. NOT YOUR AVERAGE DEVELOPER.

One thing that makes South Lake Union a delightful oddity among urban neighborhoods is that a single company — Vulcan Real Estate — owns nearly 60 acres right in the heart of the area.

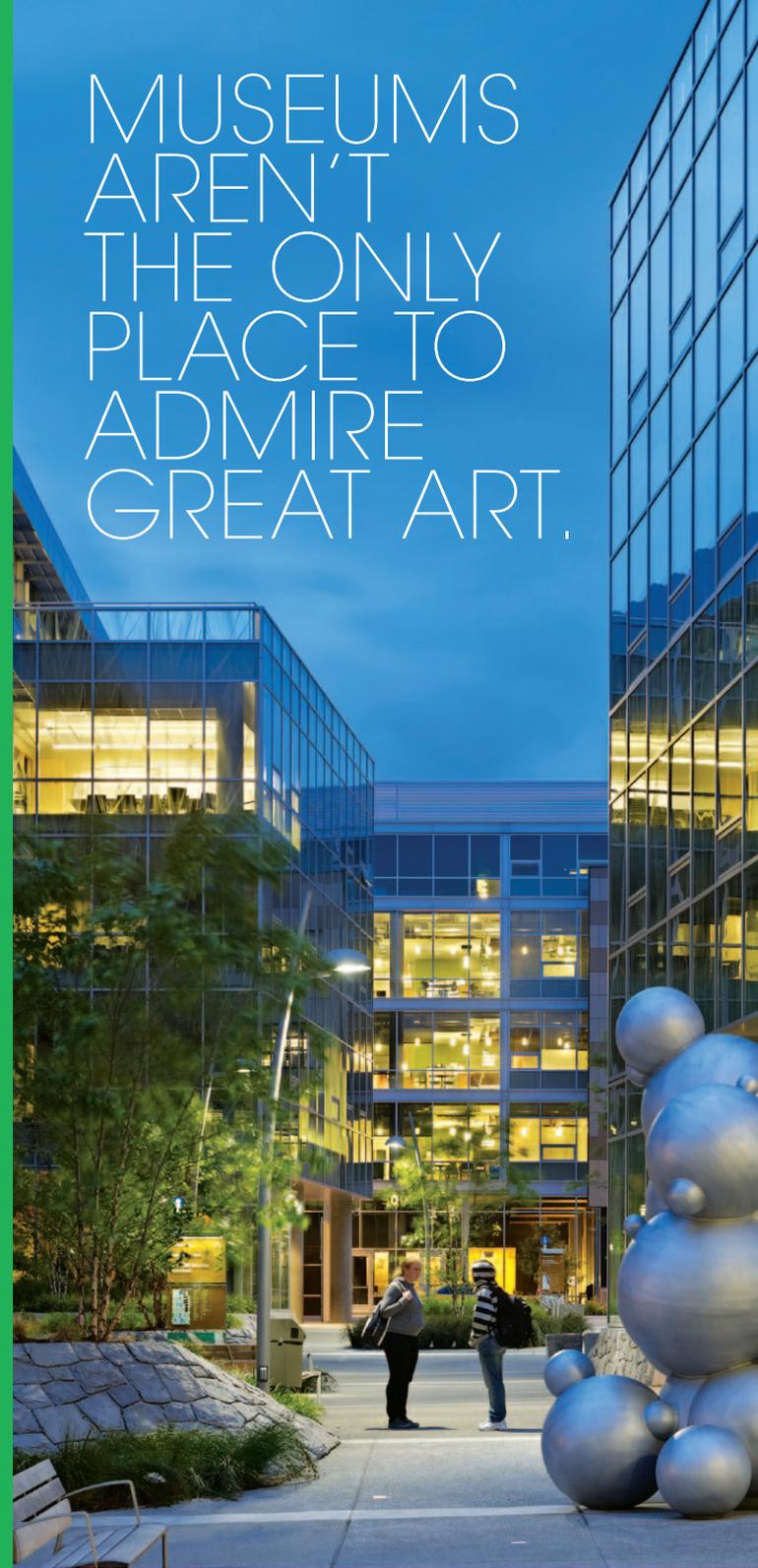
That means design decisions can be orchestrated in a thoughtful, holistic way that simply can’t be done by someone just developing a building or two at a time. But when you play a major role in defining the character of an entire neighborhood, that’s a serious responsibility.

So, at Vulcan, we see ourselves as stewards of a public trust, serving a bottom line that’s not just a financial one. And, when we invest in art, we see it as a natural extension of our mission to create happy, healthy, inspiring places to live, work, and enjoy.

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# MUSEUMS AREN'T THE ONLY PLACE TO ADMIRE GREAT ART.



WALKING TOUR AND GUIDE TO PUBLIC ART IN SOUTH LAKE UNION

**SOUTH LAKE UNION:**

# WHERE AMAZING ART IS TOTALLY BY DESIGN.

There’s no law in Seattle requiring developers of private projects to invest in public art. When they do so, it’s out of a genuine desire to make the neighborhood more interesting, to stir up a conversation or two, and to provide a sense of place for those who live and work here.

Those were some of the thoughts on the mind of Vulcan Real Estate when the plans for public art for South Lake Union were originally imagined.

One idea was that local and regional artists should create the art, and that they should be given as much latitude as possible. In fact, artists should be encouraged to do something important and pivotal in their body of work, and to think well outside the usual “corporate art” box.

Another unifying side to the public art in South Lake Union is that Vulcan wanted pieces to connect in some way to their sites or reflect the history of the neighborhood.

While there are now 14 commissioned works of art on display, the vision and approach to public art that guided the first installation in 2003 have remained very much intact.

Of course, it’s one thing to talk about art, and quite another to experience it. So we invite you to see the collection. You don’t have to love every piece, but we certainly hope you *do* love the idea of being in a neighborhood where diversity, character, and aesthetics are honored every single day.



**BEN CHICKADEL** 4  
*Clouds III and IV, 2007*  
 Polystyrene, Richlite, medium-density fiberboard

**Veer Lofts**, 401 9th Ave. N.  
 (located in building lobby)

The artwork at Veer Lofts is intended to enhance the experience of the lobby as a transitional space. The work itself is composed of two cloud forms mounted to the ceiling and wall of the lobby. The clouds, displayed in their folded and un-folded forms, suggest the constant shift to and from the public world of the street and the private world of the residence; the movement from a busy place to a calm one, the loud to the soft. Each form is constructed of a collection of two-dimensional polygons. Those two-dimensional shapes are repeated on the walls of the lobby as flat panels. The three-dimensional cloud forms are constructed from high-density polystyrene (HDPE), a recyclable plastic, and the two-dimensional panels are cut from Richlite, a highly durable material made primarily of paper.

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**ERIC ELEY** 5  
*Articulated Start, 2011*  
 Mild steel, stainless steel, urethane enamel paint

**Amazon.com Headquarters**, 333 Boren Ave. N.  
 (located in public plaza off of Boren Ave. N.)

Eric Eley's sculptures emerge from the building in both expected and unexpected ways. Dropping from the soffit above and erupting from the landscape below, the forms are reminiscent of vegetation, but instead of being soft and organic, they are angular and man-made. Their tapered spines and bent planes extend into space to suggest new growth, their paths and possibilities continuing to expand. The sculptures' subtly reflective surfaces catch the light as they reach toward each other into the heart the plaza, drawing people into and through the space, encouraging a lively flow between Boren and Terry Avenues.

*Commissioned by Vulcan Real Estate.*

**CLAUDIA FITCH** 6  
*Placeholders, 2007*  
 Fabricated steel, urethane epoxy paint

**Westlake/Terry**, 320 Westlake Ave. N.  
 (located at Terry Ave. N. and Thomas St.)

Placeholders, an artwork installation in multiple parts by Claudia Fitch, refers to the "survivor tree" landscape of early Terry Avenue. Using the urban vocabulary of brick, steel and street landscaping, the asymmetrical composition of oval elements is balanced in counterpoint to the straightforward geometry created by the sidewalk and building facade along Thomas Street and Terry Avenue. When the streets were originally developed for industrial use in the late 19th century, the neighborhood contained remnants of the site's original old growth forests with the occasional tall evergreen standing in sharp contrast to the newly-formed urban grid.

*Commissioned by Vulcan Real Estate and Group Health Cooperative.*

**ANN GARDNER** 7  
*Convergence, 2009*  
 Glass mosaic on a stainless steel armature

**Amazon.com Headquarters**, 426 Terry Ave. N.  
 (located in public plaza off Terry Ave. N.)

The yellow arcs that form Ann Gardner's artwork, *Convergence*, in the plaza at 426 Terry Ave. N. curve down and inward toward a central spot on the wall. The yellow/gold glass tiles become more intense toward this point, seemingly gathering together the light and energy of the plaza in this one particular place and in turn reflecting it back out into the space.

Gardner's sculpture is a complex and contemporary approach to an ancient artmaking technique. Laid onto a sophisticated stainless steel armature, the mosaic is assembled from thousands of tiny glass tiles, some of which have a thin metallic film on their backsides, turning them into very small golden mirrors. The mosaic was assembled onto a paper template by a team of traditional craftspeople working in the well-known Franz Meyer Studio in Munich, Germany. It was then shipped to Seattle in sections and reassembled onsite by an Italian mastercraftsman.

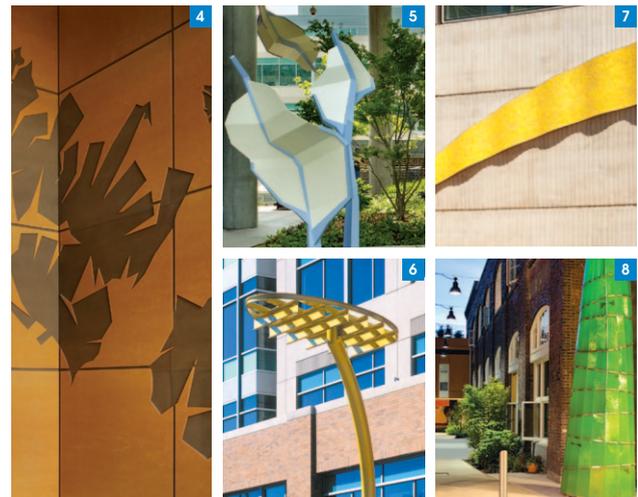
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**JAMES HARRISON** 8  
*Baladeuse, 2006*  
 Art glass, stainless steel

**Alley24**, 223 Yale Ave. N.  
 (located at intersection of alley and through-block connection)

James Harrison's sculpture *Baladeuse* (which in French means either "wanderer" or "lantern") is made of laminated art glass and is lit from within. Though different in the day and night, the sculpture is a rich and lush presence at the intersection of the two alleys that define Alley24. During the day, *Baladeuse* reflects light; at night, it glows from within, revealing a tessellated pattern beneath its warm exterior.

*Commissioned by Vulcan Real Estate and PEMCO Insurance.*



**JENNY HEISHMAN** 9  
*Cabin Corners, 2010*  
 Fabricated aluminum and urethane epoxy paint

**Amazon.com Headquarters**, 500 Boren Ave. N.  
 (located on Boren Ave. N. and Republican St.)

Jenny Heishman grew up in Florida surrounded by theme parks, water flumes and golf courses. Nature was mimicked — much of her world was a reconstruction of some other place's history and landscape. For this piece, Heishman's aim was to design a sculpture that would intersect with both the architecture of the adjacent building as well as the planter beds in the surrounding landscape. Choosing to work with forms that are recognizable to the Pacific Northwest, her hope was to embed the piece in its site in a way that might remind viewers of a "room" in Seattle's past.

Heishman's three sculptures for 500 Boren Ave. N. are based on the forms and construction of log cabins, but rather than trying to simulate reality, the "cabin corners" are together a cartoon-like effigy of the remnants of a cabin. Constructed of aluminum tubes, the pieces were hand-painted by the artist.

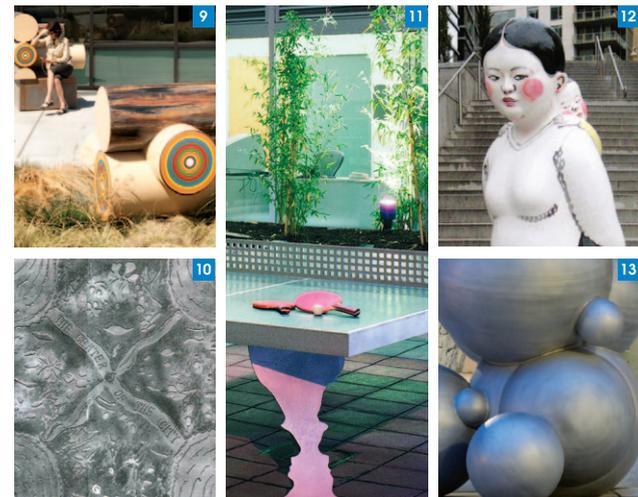
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**DEBORAH MERSKY** 10  
*Alcyone Centroid, Light Fixtures, Window Grilles, 2004*  
 Cast iron, stainless steel, brass

**Alcyone Apartments**, 301 Minor Ave. N.  
 (located off alley near the parking garage entrance)

Deborah Mersky's three projects for Alcyone Apartments are vine-like masses of plants and animals assembled into intricate two-dimensional patterns. Mersky's grilles for the east facade of the building soften and humanize the alley, making what could be a strictly utilitarian environment that much richer. Her light fixtures for the front of the building remind us of climbing plants and her plaque, *Alcyone Centroid*, reminds us all where the center of Seattle really is.

*Commissioned by Vulcan Real Estate and Harbor Properties.*



**BUSTER SIMPSON** 11  
*Ping Pong Plaza, 2004*  
 Bronze, stainless steel, ping-pong paddles, catenary lighting

**ISB Building**, 401 Terry Ave. N.  
 (located in public plaza off Harrison St.)

Buster Simpson's *Ping Pong Plaza* provides a place for workers, neighborhood residents and visitors to relax and exercise in the heart of the city. The table is located in what the artist calls an "outdoor room," defined by walls of bamboo, a red concrete "rug," and a chandelier-like catenary light. The ping pong table can double as a lunch or meeting table and conforms to regulation table tennis dimensions. The table sits on what seem to be heavy, turned dining table legs (since the game was originally played on a dining room table), but upon closer examination, each leg reveals itself as a pair of profiles of noted scientists meeting face to face. These paired individuals bounce ideas back and forth, in concert with the action of the ball above. The four pairs of scientists are MaxPlanck/Albert Einstein, James Watson/Rosalind Franklin, Stephen Jay Gould/Edward O. Wilson, and Jean Baptiste Lamarck/Charles Darwin.

*Commissioned by Vulcan Real Estate and Schnitzer West.*

**AKIO TAKAMORI** 12  
*Three Women, 2006*  
 Fabricated and cast aluminum, urethane epoxy paint

**2200**, 2200 Westlake  
 (located at Whole Foods Market entrance)

Drawing on memories from his childhood in Japan, Akio Takamori's *Three Women* is a collection of cast-aluminum sculptures depicting a girl, a young woman and mother with her baby. The figures are all about the same size, suggesting that these three people are of equal prominence in Takamori's mind's eye. Though they have come together and stand facing one another, they aren't interacting, preferring instead to avoid each other's eyes and keeping a close watch on the space around them.

*Commissioned by Vulcan Real Estate.*

**JAMIE WALKER** 13  
*Beacon, Cloud, Toto, 2010*  
 Fabricated aluminum, urethane epoxy paint

**Amazon.com Headquarters**, 550 Terry Ave. N.  
 (located in public plaza off Terry Ave. N.)

Jamie Walker's three sculptures installed in this plaza are clusters of spheres which suggest mountains, clouds and animals. Installed at the entry on Terry Avenue, *Beacon* acts as a landmark at the entrance to the building complex, leading pedestrians into the plaza. Rising dramatically from the ground, the sculpture's large scale and raw surface hint at the geologic forces that form mountains. *Cloud* hangs on the northeast corner of the south building, looming ominously, but in contrast, hinting at its playful nature by casting a surprising pink halo against the building's facade on the occasional bright, sunny days. In the middle of the courtyard, *Toto* sits patiently on the edge of a landscape island, waiting for someone to play with.

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