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ArtsinStark and Visit Canton Announce the Illumination Art Call Award Recipients

Five local artists creating installations for “Illumination” in downtown Canton

Canton, Ohio – ArtsinStark and Visit Canton selected five artists following the public art call to create light art installations for an exhibition in downtown Canton called “Illumination” in January and February 2021.

- [Jake Mensinger](#), a North Canton resident and graduate of the Columbus College of Art and Design, is creating an outdoor, 3D installation located beside Arrowhead Vintage at 534 Cleveland Ave. NW. ([IMAGE LINKED](#): Jake Mensinger – Untitled Past Work.)
- [Ron Copeland](#), a Newton Falls resident with art displayed throughout the Cleveland and Pittsburgh areas, is creating a lightbox assemblage inside Visit Canton’s window storefront at 227 2nd St. NW. ([IMAGE LINKED](#): Ron Copeland - Don’t Say When, Solo Exhibition, New York NY)
- [Chrystal Robinson-Shofroth](#) is a Stark County artist partnering with Buzzbin at 331 Cleveland Ave. NW. She is creating an Ohio music-themed light projection, curating an exhibit that features even more local artists, and conducting special events with virtual light art experiences.
- [Nick Nonno](#), a Massillon resident with a B.S. in Music Technology from Kent State University, is creating a light projection installation in Vital Arts’ window storefront at 324 Cleveland Ave. NW.
- [Michele Waalkes](#), a freelance curator and teaching artist living in Canton, Ohio, is displaying light art sculptures inside Julz by Alan Rodriguez’s glass storefront at 537 Cleveland Ave. NW.

The artists’ pieces join a series of light displays planned during “Illumination”, including light mapping at the Cultural Center for the Arts created by OBLSK, a light display at the Hall of Fame City Ice Rink created by Vincent Lighting, and a light show at Centennial Plaza created by the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Follow on Facebook [@CantonLightFestival](#) to watch the artists’ creations in progress leading up to their debut on New Year’s Day for the first night of “Illumination”. The first night on Friday, January 1, 2021, also coincides with downtown Canton’s monthly First Friday activities. All of the “Illumination” displays will be viewable every Friday and Saturday night in January and February from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

“Illumination” is part of the support provided by ArtsinStark and Visit Canton for the Canton Museum of Art’s new exhibit [Dancing in the Light: Masterworks from the Age of American Impressionism, on view November 27, 2020 through March 7, 2021](#).

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About ArtsinStark:

ArtsinStark uses the arts to create smarter kids, new jobs, and healthier communities. We are a 50 year old private, non-profit organization that gives out grants, owns and manages the Cultural Center, and runs the Annual Arts Campaign --- and much more (Canton Arts District, First Fridays, SmArts Program, the Genius Project, 20/20 Vision, the ELEVEN, and the Canton Music Block).

About Visit Canton:

The Stark County Convention & Visitors' Bureau, d.b.a. Visit Canton, is funded by a lodging tax administered through the Stark County Commissioners. The organization's mission is to promote travel to Stark County and to facilitate operations that support the travel and tourism industry in Stark County.