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SCULPTURE 84

Sandy Walker

Preface

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is one of the major universities in that realm known as Appalachia. Two hundred miles from the University of Kentucky, two hundred from the University of Georgia, one hundred miles from the universities in western North Carolina, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville is in a position to be of great importance in the cultural life of a vast region embracing parts of several states. Moreover, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is the principal land-grant institution in the state of Tennessee; thus the university is a show case for educational and cultural activity for the entire state.

Beginning in the fall of 1970 efforts were begun to coordinate the cultural activities on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, through the agency of a Cultural Affairs Board, intended to have jurisdiction over part of the University Programs and Services Fee, paid quarterly by all students attending the university. The Board found itself working with students and faculty for the nurturing of the arts on the UTK campus, with special concern for music and dance, and for exhibitions of the plastic arts in the galleries of the student union, The University Center.

The Cultural Affairs Board approached the happy problem of the suitable cultivation of the arts from one perspective. It then became clear that a different kind of advisory group, a committee of the heads of the departments concerned with all of the arts on campus, could be useful. In the winter of 1978 Professor Ralph V. Norman, Jr., associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, assembled the heads of the arts departments in Home Economics, Liberal Arts, Education, the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, the dean of the School of Architecture, the dean of Student Activities, the associate dean of Liberal Arts, and the head of the Classics Department as chair, to be the university's Council for Study in the Arts. The new Council was to be concerned with the atmosphere, the ambience, for learning in the arts on the UTK campus.

An area in which the campus was deficient was that of sculpture. There were the Milles *Europa, The Volunteer, The Vine* (McClung Museum); Phil Nichol's abstraction adorning the entrance to the Nielsen Physics Building; the Falsetti/Darrow collaboration in front of the McClung Museum—but these were scattered, and in no sense made a program. In the winter of 1982, as all Knoxville made ready for the World's Fair, Professors Peacock and Nichols of the Department of Art approached the Council for Study in the Arts with a plan for an outdoor sculpture exhibit which would coincide with the Fair. Council was pleased with the proposal. A special committee was formed to select sites for the pieces; the university administration agreed that the sites would be held in perpetuity for the exhibit of works of art.

Suddenly the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville took on a lilt, a special interest, for the observer as he or she went about a campus adorned and punctuated with works of art of compelling interest. There was comment, especially with regard to the more linear abstractions. But people were looking and seeing, wondering and admiring, and this was all to the good, all to our purpose, the fostering of artistic sensibility in our university community.

This catalogue describes our second outdoor sculpture show. Artists from Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Washington, and Ontario are represented. All of the works have been loaned to the University by the Artists. Except for the concrete bases, both the first and now the second outdoor sculpture shows have been at little expense to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. We hope one day to be able to add works of outdoor sculpture to the permanent collection of the University. But, one step at a time. First the presentation, then the development of interest, and then the knowledge that life is enhanced by the continuous presence of works of art.

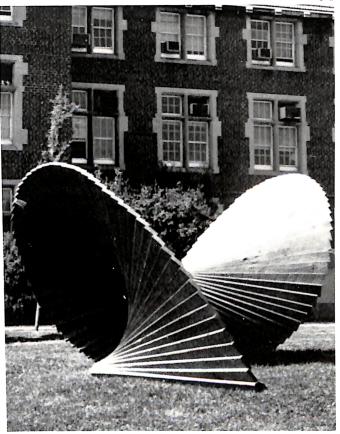
Harry C. Rutledge, Chair Council for Study in the Arts June, 1983

What seems to be unique to these particular exhibitions is the fact that for the second year now a diverse and growing group of artists representing a number of different schools of thought are exhibiting their work on our campus. Not only do these sculptors offer the use of their work for most of a year but they invest time, effort and money to see it installed on campus.

Several of the sculptors involved in the 1983-84 Sculpture Tour made their work specifically for the exhibition. Some of the pieces are totally self-contained and were delivered to the site fully assembled. Some came in pieces to be reassembled in place. One ten ton ''rock opening'' was realized for the first time here on campus.

None of this would have been possible without the solid support of a great many people including the campus administration, Homer Fisher, the Physical Plant, Ben Roberts, Harry Rutledge and the Council for Study in the Arts, Phil Scheurer, the Student Activities Office, and very particularly, Don Kurka, Head of the Department of Art.

Dennis Peacock
Exhibition Coordinator



Dakota treated wood and steel bolts nineteen feet long

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Rites of Passage steel painted orange ten feel tall

James S. Gibson

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Receptor Series stainless steel and plexiglass eight feet tall

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Ponies Crop steel seven and a half feet tall

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Falling #4 painted wood and stone fourteen feet diagonally

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Manipulative redwood and paint twenty feet long

Joseph Falsetti

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Little Jack Valentine steel series #4 steel seven and a half feet tall

Dennis Peacock

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Rock Opening steel and limestone ten and a half feet tall

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Shift steel, painted black ten feet long

Patrick Thibert

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Cumberland steel, painted orange sixteen feet long



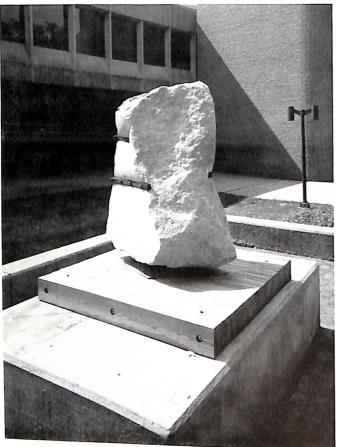
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Fra Mobadalen Series Bronze sixty two inches tall

Norman J. Taylor

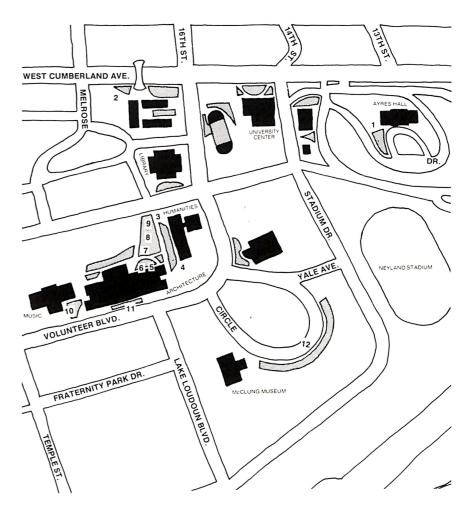
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Massada Indiana limestone and forged iron fifty inches tall

Dennis Witcopf

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