



Project Data Sheet

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Title Virga

Location Bennett Event Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Description The inspiration for Virga comes from the dynamic forms of the land and sky of Oklahoma. The earth meeting the sky is a common site in Oklahoma, but one of the most interesting aspects of the landscape is the sky and its clouds that take such spectacular form over the land. The connection of clouds to precipitation and water is also a connection to the North Canadian or Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City. Virga connects the river on land to the water in the sky by conflating the images of the river and the clouds into the sculpture Virga. Virga are cumulus clouds with a tail of precipitation that evaporates before reaching the ground. The sculpture Virga connects the sky and the earth, implying the water of the Oklahoma River traveling on the land and the water vapor tail of the clouds in the sky are part of the same water cycle in the expansive landscapes of Oklahoma.

Date 2020

Medium Aluminum

Dimensions 2 Sculptures, each are 70' long x 20' wide x 6' tall

Commissioned by Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Engineer Patrell Engineering Group, Inc., Glendora, CA

Subcontractors Metal Arts Foundry, Lehi, UT

Owner Credit Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, Oklahoma City

Photography Credit Joseph Mills Photography

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