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New Spaceworks Installations Light Up the Streets this Winter

Spaceworks Tacoma is thrilled to present a new round of Artscapes installations. Until the end of February, 2012, nine new installations will add color, light, and activity to otherwise vacant spaces in downtown Tacoma, featuring work presented by Diane Hansen, Brian Hutcheson, Maria Meneses, Kelly June Mitchell, Mary Rothlisberger and Lauren McCleary, RSVR visual research (Ian Campbell and Benjamin Gray), Janette Ryan, the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, and Metro Parks Tacoma.

Two special community partnerships have been formed for this round of Artscapes: Metro Parks Tacoma is presenting a huge community-created dragon that will be paraded through the streets at First Night to celebrate the New Year (912 Broadway); and the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation is displaying work by this year's Foundation of Art Award nominees **and will host a reception on November 30** highlighting this year's winner, Jessica Spring (950 Pacific).

"These installations come just in time for the holiday season and are perfect for a winter stroll downtown— many include fabulous light components and have strong ties to the local community," says Amy McBride, Arts Administrator.

Installations can be found on Broadway between 9th and 11th, at Commerce and 11th, and at Pacific and 11th. This round will also include an installation in the Tollbooth Gallery, a tiny video and wheat paste gallery at Broadway and 11th.

Spaceworks Tacoma is a joint initiative of the City of Tacoma, Shunpike, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce designed to activate empty storefronts and vacant space in downtown Tacoma. The initiative makes no- and low-cost temporary space available to artists, fledgling creative entrepreneurs, organizations, and community groups who transform vacant spaces through artist residencies, creative enterprises, and art installations (artscapes).

Locations and support for Spaceworks Tacoma are provided by property owners Eric Cederstrand, George Howe, Al Howe, Ted Johnson, Herb Simon, Steve Rose, and the Marie T. Wilson Trust; and property managers Shannon Tiegs of Roberson Building Company, and Michael Norman of Neil Walter Company. Community partners include Tacoma Contemporary, Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, King's Books, and AT&T.

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