

Process

Inspiration for artists
as they conceive their creations
sometimes comes unexpectedly.
It could be a day of surprises,
a sunset where earth and sky
turn pink with tenderness,
or maybe an angry red.

Perhaps flowers grow
in a garden so full of color
it appears a rainbow has been stitched
together in such a stunning way
you want to dive into the gaiety
and soak up magenta, yellow,
everything that is bright and warm.

Sometimes the artist sees strength in metal,
or maybe an opportunity for humor
by minimizing the metal's power
and using it in whimsical ways.

Regardless, a vision appears
and the concept floats
into maturity
as life gusts blow
and creative erosion
shapes the piece.
A blessing emerges fully formed,
shining for all to see,
giving a glimpse
of Earth and Beyond.

Process was commissioned in honor of the installation and dedication of Lewisville's first piece of permanent public art ***Earth and Beyond*** by artist Daren Fagan. ***Process*** was written by J. Paul Holcomb, Poet Laureate for the City of Lewisville. ***Earth and Beyond*** was donated to the City of Lewisville by the Greater Lewisville Arts Alliance in partnership with Lakeside Arts Foundation, in honor of Jim Wear, Lewisville's first Arts Center Manager. ***Earth and Beyond*** was dedicated on Saturday, April 14, 2018, as part of the City's annual ColorPalooza festival.