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Beside the artwork are (L to R) Carol Phillips, executive director of Winnipeg Arts Council; Councillor Markus Chambers; Councillor Devi Sharma; artist Takashi Iwasaki; and Meaghan Hunter of Nadi Design.

Playful Artwork 'Bokeh' Lights Kildonan Park Pond, Will Be Enjoyed Year-Round

by MELVIN DURAI

Bokeh, a playful three-sculpture artwork that lights up the skating area at Kildonan Park, officially opened on Jan. 12 with a family skating party. More than 800 skaters enjoyed music from DJ Mama Cutsworth, as well as snacks and refreshments.

Dignitaries in attendance included MP MaryAnn Mihychuk, Winnipeg Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers, City Councillor Devi Sharma, and former MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Bokeh was commissioned by the Winnipeg Arts Council through the City of Winnipeg's Public Art Program, with additional project support from Councillor Sharma.

"This dynamic lighting display will be enjoyed by visitors for many years to come," Sharma said. "It enhances the outdoor experience during our famous Winnipeg winters. And when the snow and ice melt, it will remain a gorgeous feature for park-goers to enjoy. All in all,

regardless of the season, Bokeh will be a magical attraction in North Winnipeg."

She thanked Winnipeg Arts Council for commissioning the art project and the local artists, Takashi Iwasaki and Nadi Design, for their "inspiring vision and brilliant work."

"Thank you for creating an enriching experience we can all be proud of in our city," Sharma said. "I also want to acknowledge the hard work of the City's Parks and Open Space Division for

ensuring that Kildonan Park is staffed and maintained seven days a week, year-round. City staff take pride in getting the ice ready every year and know how well used and enjoyed the space is."

While the colourful artwork lights the pond's skating area in the dark of winter, it will also be appreciated in the summer. Inspired by the architectural era of the adjacent Peguis Pavilion, the exaggerated arced forms and large globes reference the mid-century modern Arco

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Lamp. The globes, topped with abstract whirlybird seeds and clouds, project rainbow-coloured lights to shift the boundaries between reality and imagination, between urban life and the natural world into “bokeh” a Japanese word for blurriness.

“Public art enriches our surroundings, adds depth and meaning to public spaces by individualizing and celebrating these spaces,” said Carol A. Phillips, executive director of Winnipeg Arts Council. “The Winnipeg Arts Council is thrilled that Bokeh provides an immersive and dreamy experience for skaters and parkgoers that is fun, otherworldly and magical.”

Born in Hokkaido, Japan, Iwasaki moved to Winnipeg to study at the University of Manitoba in 2002. He was

attracted to Winnipeg’s vibrant and supportive arts community and calls the city his new hometown. His practice diverges into many mediums from embroidery to painting to collage and sculpture. His work is bright and colourful, and he wants people to feel joy and positive feelings when they look at it.

Nadi is an award-winning landscape architecture, urban design and planning consultancy involved in the creation of innovative, resilient and engaging human environments. Meaghan Hunter is Nadi’s leader for public space and land art. She approaches every project with a balance between environmental sensitivity, community connection, artistic beauty and economic viability through the seamless integration of landscape, art and architecture.



Seven Oaks School Division

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