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Featured Artists

Rachel Hayes



Rachel Hayes, an artist inspired by traditions of quiltmaking, sculpture, painting, Minimalism, and Land Art, creates installations that embrace light to transform space. In this version of *Not Fade Away*, a project she designed for The San Diego Museum of Art, Hayes stitches together several types of pliant materials — colored plastic theatrical gels, translucent organza, and opaque reflective gold lamé — to create dynamic constructions that swoop through the Sculpture Court, activating their surroundings. Colorful dapples of light play across the ground, giving the viewer a new awareness of place, time, and space. The warm color palette of this work evokes the opulence of the Museum, the epic sunsets off the coast, and the golden Oklahoma sunshine, where the artist resides.

Rachel Hayes received her BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute in Fiber, and her MFA in Painting from Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a recipient of the Joan Mitchell Award in Painting and Sculpture, Augustus Saint-Gaudens Memorial Fellowship in Sculpture, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Professional Fellowship in Sculpture, Virginia Commission for the Arts Fellowship in Sculpture, and a Charlotte Street Fund Award.