

F&T Group and Crossing Art Announce

“Hearts as One”

2020 Christmas Public Art Installation

FLUSHING, QUEENS, NEW YORK – December 2, 2020 – For the 13th consecutive year, F&T Group will partner with Crossing Art gallery to bring a never-before-seen outdoor art installation to downtown Flushing. The annual unveiling, which has become a renowned tradition for those who live and work in the neighborhood, will take place December 4 at 5pm at Queens Crossing Outdoor Plaza. It will be on display through January 31 and bring the community together to usher in the holiday spirit. This year, Asian American artist Jaena Kwon will interpret the feelings and emotions associated with the holiday season and transform them into a lively sculptural piece titled, “Hearts as One.” Although the global COVID-19 pandemic may impact the holidays this year, Kwon’s sculpture is sure to uplift the community spirit and remind people to be strong, positive and look to the future.

The sculpture looks as if its been folded from paper into a heart shape, with its creased lines and rough edges. While most of Kwon’s pieces are painted one bold color, the new sculpture has a dark blue interior, while the exterior is painted a traditional deep red. The opposing colors connect to the idea of co-existence and unity rather than division, and the belief that even with different opinions, groups of people can exist harmoniously together. As one of the most ethnically diverse urban areas in the United States, Flushing is unique with its own distinct identity – an enclave of immigrants and dreamers who came in search of the American dream. Kwon’s sculpture, and ideas of peace, unity, warmth and aspiration, comes from a deep appreciation for the Flushing community at large.

The sculpture is also a symbol of hope for the community, which has suffered deeply as a result of discriminatory rhetoric stemming from COVID-19. As a long-term builder of innovative mixed-use projects in the Flushing community including Tangram and the proposed Special Flushing Waterfront District (SFWD), F&T Group urges people to work together as an unified community to move Flushing forward and recover even stronger from the pandemic. To achieve this goal, Tangram hopes to open to the public in 2021, and becoming the epicenter of Flushing. Additionally, the SFWD seeks to activate 29 acres of inactive and underutilized land along Flushing Creek, finally bringing a vibrant, free and public waterfront park for the entire community to use.

"F&T Group is deeply rooted in the Flushing community. Our goal within every project and initiative we back is to bring the community together and to celebrate the immigrant roots Flushing was built upon. This inspiring installation is a display of creative passion and a reminder of the importance of visual arts, especially during the holidays and a challenging year. Whether it be the development of real estate projects that promote jobs, waterfront access and more, to cultural events that spotlight our diversity and contribution, F&T Group celebrates Flushing and its continued evolution as a New York City destination," said Michael Lee, CEO of F&T Group.

Having lived in Queens for five years, Kwon has developed a close connection to the local community and witnessed the borough’s economic development over the years. “Flushing is one of my favorite places in Queens. I am glad to have my artwork speak to the hearts of many in the community. There is nothing more that the Queens community needs than positivity and something to look forward to,” Kwon said.

Flushing is a cultural melting pot, evidenced all around us by the influences of its immigrant population. This inspiring installation is a display of creative passion and a reminder of the importance of visual arts, especially during the holidays and a challenging year.

For more information, please visit QueensCrossing.com or on Instagram at [@QueensCrossing](https://www.instagram.com/QueensCrossing).

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2020 CHRISTMAS PUBLIC
ART INSTALLATION

December 4 2020 ~ January 31 2021

HEARTS AS ONE

Jaena Kwon

LIGHTING CEREMONY

Date: Friday, December 4th, 5:00PM

Location: Queens Crossing Outdoor Plaza
136-17, 39th Ave, Flushing, NY 11354

Private reception to follow for invited guests only.

Please RSVP by 11/30 to info@queenscrossing.com



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