

**REFLECT AND RESOUND | BY VIRGINIA FLECK**



Austin artist Virginia Fleck created interactive sensory sculptures, titled *Reflect and Resound*, for the new child care facility at the renovated Austin Shelter for Women and Children. Located in a playground, children can see reflections of themselves as mandalas or listen to layered sounds. Children can enter the artworks, which were inspired by brightly colored jewels, to receive and send sounds or listen to the large oak tree nearby through the three flower structures.

This was a joint project between City of Austin, Travis County and The Salvation Army. Local artist Virginia Fleck was commissioned to create a contemporary work of art that complements the healing aspects of the shelter, provides or contributes to an exterior children's discovery area that encourages sensory interaction, and integrates the artwork into a natural setting that fosters awareness, healing, and growth.