

### ARTISTS SELECTED FOR PUBLIC ART AT THE ST. PETE PIER™

**ST. PETERSBURG, FL (April 24, 2018) –**

Three artists were selected to create public art at the new St. Pete Pier™ on Tuesday, April 24, in the Pier Public Art Committee meeting. The committee has been meeting over the past two years and reviewed work from over seventy artists from the US, Canada, and many other countries. That field was narrowed, and the commissioned artists were chosen from a group of six finalists.

They are:

Nick Ervinck – Belgium: TBD Pier Head. Fostering a cross-pollination between the digital and the physical, Nick Ervinck explores the boundaries between various media, including sculpture, 3D prints installation, architecture and design.

Nathan Mabry – Los Angeles, CA: a coated steel, origami-inspired pelican to be installed in the Entry Plaza area. He is known for sculptures in bright primary colors that often reference modern sculpture of the 20th century as well as diverse cultures and birds significant to the local site.

Xenobia Bailey, New York City: a tile mosaic on the Spa Beach Pavilion. Bailey translates the vibrant patterns and colors derived from her fiber art, into mosaics for public projects.

The City of St. Petersburg began a process in 2016 to select artists for public art within the Pier District. Art will be funded through the city's Percentage for Art ordinance and a total of \$480,000 is available for these commissions.

It is anticipated that these installations will be timed to coincide with the opening of the new St. Pete Pier™ District in the Fall, 2019.

The installation of this artwork is separate from a prospective floating sculpture by Janet Echelman. A decision on whether that project will move forward will be made in the next few weeks.

Said committee chair Laura Bryant, "We are delighted with the quality of the proposals presented to us and are pleased to have selected art from such a diverse group of artists, materials and approaches."

Additional information about the St. Pete Pier™ is available on the Pier website at:  
<http://www.newstpetepier.com>

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