

Exhibit A

DHS Green Horizons Inc, Art in Public Places Application

Artist Biography, Gerardo Hacer



Gerardo Hacer, born in 1976, is a Los Angeles based American sculptor and designs metal origami-inspired forms in bold colors. Renowned for his bold, origami-inspired, metal sculptures that explore psychologically complex themes; Gerardo Hacer's introduction to the nostalgic art form began at age seven when a volunteer in one of his foster homes read, "Sadako And The Thousand Paper Cranes" by Eleanor Coerr. After being abandoned by teenage, Mexican-American gang member

parents at birth, Hacer escaped a lifestyle of violence and addiction by folding origami animals which inspires his current work.

His reductive reinvention of the aesthetic evolved technically over decades along with its conceptual counterpart. The resulting work is an amalgamation of innocent childhood play, indirect exposure [in adulthood] to Alexander Calder's fluid experimentation with form and [after recruitment by renown art fabricator, Peter Carlson] first hand working knowledge of Jeff Koons novel approach to materials, John McCracken's exhaustive attention to detail and Ellsworth Kelly's steadfast commitment to minimalism.

The perfection of his technique in combination with monumental vision have manifested museum and national art fair exhibitions and realized massive, permanent sculptural installations: Wynn Macau Luxury Resort, The Los Angeles Pacific design Center, University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland, OH; Los Angeles Trade Technical College and Autry National Center Southwest Museum. His minimalist sculptures that predominantly use animal forms to comment on the devastation caused by societal ignorance are fast-becoming emblematic.

Piece Information

The piece will consist of two red metal penguins in origami form. MedMen's COO and co-founder envisioned a piece that drew upon his own affinity for penguins, which frequent his own original paintings. and functioned as a juxtaposition between penguins' natural habitat and Desert Hot Springs' climate. Furthermore, the penguins' lifelong companionship and partnership is emblematic of our hope to build a lasting relationship with the City of Desert Hot Springs. The installation is red as that is MedMen's signature color.