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City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs / Public Art Program “FREE NELSON MANDELA” SCULPTURE RESTORATION

The City of Atlanta Public Art Program has completed the restoration of the “Free Nelson Mandela”, a sculpture with a strong presence that provides social commentary surrounding the incarceration of political activist, ambassador, and former President of South Africa of Mr. Nelson Mandela. This art installation is located in Atlanta’s Piedmont Park nearest the Tenth Street entrance and gates. David Hammons unique artworks are rooted in the black urban experience, Hammons creates art works out of the debris of African-American life to confront cultural stereotypes and racial issues.

The Office of Parks and the Office of Cultural Affairs art conservation and maintenance staff are responsible for this Public Art restoration project. The planning for the project took several months to consult with the artist whom assisted and approved the colors for the paint restoration. General cleaning and welding repairs helped to stabilize the artwork. We hope the public enjoys the viewing of this restored artwork in it’s the original context.

For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs Project Supervisor, Robert Witherspoon at 404-817-6758 or ocaatlanta.com



"Free Nelson Mandela" sculpture shown post restoration at Historic Piedmont Park