

## Art in the Airport media tour highlights artists who reflect our community

Media and artists whose works will be featured throughout the airport, and primarily in the new terminal and Customer Service building, were on hand on Sept. 4 as part of the latest Transformed PIT media site walk.

ACAA CEO Christina Cassotis greeted more than a dozen local and trade media outlets, and several local artists spoke about their exhibits. The highlight was showcasing the installation of the iconic Calder mobile, which has been the centerpiece of PIT's art collection since 1959. Its new home in the terminal atrium means the mobile will continue to be enjoyed by current and future travelers.

Christina spoke on the importance of the Art in the Airport program and how it transforms the airport into a dynamic showcase of creativity, community and culture.

Keny Marshall, PIT's Arts and Cultural Manager, assisted in leading the tour, introduced the artists and explained the works of the artists who could not attend.

The **Art in the Airport** initiative has brought together 15 dynamic artists – 80 percent of whom are from Pittsburgh – to infuse the new terminal with more than 30 works in locations across the PIT airport campus. These artists represent the diverse styles and experiences of our region.

The collection resonates with Pittsburgh's industrial past, inventive present, and connected future. It enriches the terminal experience with interactive, visual, auditory, and emotional elements that celebrate identity, innovation and inclusivity.

"The idea from the beginning was not to build an airport in Pittsburgh but to build Pittsburgh's airport," said Christina. "It needed to reflect and serve this community by bringing in the assets of the community and putting them on display for the world to see.

And we know Pittsburgh punches way above its weight when it comes to arts and culture and has a rich legacy of doing so."

See the media coverage of the Air in the Airport event on the Intranet's <u>ACAA in the News</u> page and <u>watch video highlights on Blue Sky News</u>.