

Major Artworks Dedicated at Discovery at Concord Park Place

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[Concord Adex \(http://concordadex.com/\)](http://concordadex.com/) recently dedicated two major artworks at [Discovery \(http://concordadex.com/parkplace/discovery.asp\)](http://concordadex.com/parkplace/discovery.asp), the first completed condominium project at its Concord Park Place development in North York. Many people were on hand for the unveiling including top Concord Adex executives, local Toronto Councillor David Shiner, Discovery architect Roland Rom Colthoff of [Raw Design \(http://www.rawdesign.ca\)](http://www.rawdesign.ca), City of Toronto Public Art Coordinator Jane Perdue, Darius and Cyrus Mosun of renowned art fabricator [Soheil Mosun \(http://soheilmosun.com/\)](http://soheilmosun.com/), and of course the artists themselves. Pictured below are Finnish artist Jaakko Pernu, Honorary Vice Consul of Finland Laura McSwiggan, Concord Director of Development Gabriel Leung, Vancouver-based artist Derek Root, and Karen Mills of Public Art Management.



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The artists and associates pose after the presentations at Discovery at Concord Park Place, image by Craig White

[Derek Root \(http://www.union-gallery.com/content.php?page_id=740\)](http://www.union-gallery.com/content.php?page_id=740)'s work Field Map I & II is a lattice-work fixture on the Esther Shiner Boulevard face of the complex. Root declared that the title refers to the visual codes of cartography. "My intent here was to reflect on the way the streets of the area have undergone a normal geographic global change from agricultural, industrial, and up to the present restorative phase of renewal." Root hopes the work will evoke a strong sense of place for residents for years to come.



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Artist Derek Root stands before his work Field Map I and II at Discovery at Concord Park Place, Toronto, image by Craig White

[Jaakko Pernu \(http://www.environmentalart.net/pernu/\)](http://www.environmentalart.net/pernu/)'s work is called Summer Clouds. Made of weathering steel, it rests in Discovery's north courtyard. Architect Roland Rom Colthoff's handsome towers set the stage for the work.



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Summer Clouds by Jaakko Pernu at Discovery at Concord Park Place, Toronto

Pernu described his work for us. "I like to place my works quite high up to express a lightness. My works are see-through: what is inside the work is as important as the exterior aspect. It is both structure and light."

Pernu expressed the importance of the warm handmade craftsmanship evident in the work.



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Artist Jaakko Pernu stands underneath Summer Clouds at Discovery at Concord Park Place, image by Craig White

Those heading into the complex from Singer Court process through the impressive work - and we can see this becoming a favourite spot for residents and visitors to meet and hang out.



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Summer Clouds by Jaakko Pernu at Discovery at Concord Park Place, image by Craig White

The installations of these objects bodes well for the rest of Concord Park Place, and continues Concord Adex's tradition of adorning its projects with major pieces of art at Concord CityPlace downtown. We particularly look forward to the dedication and opening of Puente de Luz, the significant pedestrian bridge by Chilean sculptor Francisco Gazitua which will connect CityPlace to Portland and Front Streets in the near future.

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