

MIT List Center

Introduction by Leonard Nimoy

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Hello. This is Leonard Nimoy. Welcome to the MIT List Visual Arts Center's audio guide for the Public Art Collection at MIT. I'm particularly pleased to offer this greeting, since I grew up across the river and I have a brother who earned a master's degree in engineering here.

So with over 50 works of art by internationally renowned artists of the 20th and 21st centuries, this collection is truly world-class. These works are sited across campus, and exemplify how the finest visual art explores and reflects complex social, scientific, and technological issues.

The MIT Percent-for-Art has made much of the public art on campus possible. Begun in 1968, the MIT Percent-for-Art allots funds from each new building, project, or major renovation to commission or purchase art for public space. A program of the List Visual Arts Center, it is the first Percent-for-Art program at a private institution of higher education in the United States. It is also the most active, with a dozen new works added to the collection since 2000. Thank you, and enjoy the tour.