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Recently Completed 1% for Public Art Project at UNL College of Nursing and Health Clinic, Lincoln, NE

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Elizabeth Billings and Andrea Wasserman, *Between Earth and Sky*

(Omaha, Nebraska) – **Elizabeth Billings and Andrea Wasserman** created the continuous sculptural experience, *Between Earth and Sky*, to accentuate the compelling curvilinear gesture of the architecture, the garden and the pathways at the new UNL Nursing and Health Clinic. The artwork progresses rhythmically around the garden with a sequence of forty-eight 2'x4' overlapping sandblasted glass panels. The series of panels make visible a poetic investigation of plant growth and the ever-shifting wind and shadows across the prairie.

The patterns on each side of ½" glass add a textural dimensionality of movement. Sunlight illuminates the glass during the day; from early dusk through dawn, the LED lighting beneath the glass frieze offers luminosity and profound presence.



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Viewed from above, the curvilinear arc glows and harmonizes with the cadence of the entire garden and the building. The translucent glass provides an inviting entrance to the facility, a scrim-like privacy for enjoying the garden, and a landmark for learning and healing.

About the artists:

Elizabeth Billings graduated from Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1989. Billings steeps her work in the tradition of textiles and it emanates from rhythms of the weaving process. Andrea Wasserman graduated from Cranbrook with an MFA in 1992 and The Rhode Island School of Design with a BFA in 1983. The artists have collaborated since 1992, including work at the Philadelphia International Airport, the Florida College of Medicine and the Dana Farber Institute.



Elizabeth Billings and Andrea Wasserman installing *Between Earth and Sky*.

About the Nebraska Arts Council

The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC), a state agency, provides numerous grants, services and special initiatives that help sustain and promote the arts throughout Nebraska. NAC is supported by the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Nebraska Legislature and National Endowment for the Arts.

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