

## Artwork installed at downtown Sarasota roundabout



*Courtesy: City of Sarasota*

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SARASOTA, Fla. – It was the rare lane closure for an art installation on Sunday morning. A portion of the roundabout at Orange Avenue and Main Street in downtown Sarasota was closed for a few hours while a sculpture was put in the middle.

The 20 foot tall, stainless steel piece of art is part of Embracing Our Differences, and the colors reflect those of the non-profit's logo.

It was created by Arizona-based sculptor S. Blessing Hancock, and emphasizes unity, while celebrating diversity and inclusion – which is what "embracing our differences" is all about.

“Public art not only enhances a community, it helps create community,” Embracing Our Differences Executive Director Michael Shelton was quoted as saying in a press release. “It’s part of the fabric of life in the Sarasota-Manatee area. Blessing Hancock’s powerful sculpture will only add to the conversation of ideas that public art creates.”

The new sculpture at the roundabout comes as Embracing Our Differences' annual outdoor exhibition is displayed in Sarasota's Island Park through May 31.

