

## Art-Speak, City of Portsmouth Cultural Commission Overnight Art! Fact Sheets

**Installation date:** April 1, 2005  
Name of Installation: SOAR  
Location: Corner of Market and Russell Streets @ Sheraton Harborside

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Media: steel, granite                      Dimensions: 12' x 12'

### **Description of installation:**

SOAR is a kinetic sculpture made from steel with a granite base. Its form is, at once, reminiscent of the hull of a boat, the sail of a ship, and the spine of a fish.

### **Connections to the City of Portsmouth Master Plan:**

SOAR recalls the historic importance of the maritime industries to Portsmouth. Its presence at an important gateway to downtown illustrates the on-going importance the working waterfront has to Portsmouth, its resident population and its workforce.

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**Installation Date:** April 2, 2005  
Name of Installation: *CallBox Four*  
Location: 110 Congress Street

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Tim Gaudreau, eco-artist

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Media: mixed media with audio                      Dimensions: 60"x18"x18"

### **Description of installation:**

*Callbox Four* is a multi-media interactive station reminiscent of a public telephone. Visually, the Callbox Four station reflects elements of our local landscape: ocean, granite, fire, and air. This curious and colorful telephone invites a passer-by to pick up the receiver and visualize a personal interpretation in response to these landscape themes, then to press a button to hear a recording. These recordings are "found" poems created by weaving together community voices from random, people-on-the-street interview about their own interpretations of our city.

### **Connections to the City of Portsmouth Master Plan:**

By including the public's participation, actual voices, and interaction in the creation of this work, the artists speak to the interconnected web of relationships that are the essence of Portsmouth. The intent of the message is to raise community issues such as the protection of open space, eco-issues, sustainable businesses, consumption, and maintaining a viable, working waterfront—all within the context of community-based art that is meant to generate dialogue and awareness.



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**Installation date:** April 5, 2005  
Name of Installation: Gateway  
Location: corner of Market and Deer Streets at the Sheraton Harborside

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Media: Vintage photography and graphic design  
Dimensions: (2) panels 8' x 4' and (1) panel 4'x8'  
Business sponsors:  
1. Life Size Graphics, Portsmouth  
2. Upright Fence, Portsmouth  
3. Strawberry Banke Museum

### **Description of installation:**

*Gateway* is a testament to the residents of the Italian North End, a waterfront neighborhood district that was razed in the 1960s. Vintage photographs on three panels bring the faces and stories of the North End residents to the corner of Market and Deer Streets, where a granite bench/monument listing the name of residents was installed.

### **Connections to the City of Portsmouth Master Plan:**

*Gateway* has a double entendre meaning. Not only does it reinforce the Portsmouth Master Plan theme of "gateways to our city," it also speaks to the North End neighborhood that was once an immigrant gateway to Portsmouth and the United States.

**Installation date:** April 6, 2005  
Name of Installation: "Portsmouth Says Hi!"  
Location: Market Square

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Media: Mixed media letterboxes; digital sign, and found poetry  
Dimensions: n/a  
Business sponsors: 1. Portsmouth Police Department (donated use of sign)

### **Description of installation:**

A number of mixed media letterboxes will be placed in downtown locations, conspicuous in design and characterized by a unique symbol or text. They will function as interactive stations instructing community members to leave written responses to thematic questions. A poem will be drafted from this input, to be displayed on a public utility sign in Market Square.

### **Connections to the City of Portsmouth Master Plan:**

Themes from the Portsmouth Master Plan will be posited in an engaging, playful manner for consideration by community members, whose written responses will be transformed into art for and experienced as art by the community served.