



FLOWER TREE (2016)

Flower Tree, Matt Wedel's ceramic sculpture commissioned for the Hollywood Park Casino entrance of the new facility, is literally splashed with color. The permanent sculpture intentionally contrasts with the black and white pavers of the Casino entrance. This artwork is a major element of the Casino's percent for the arts requirements set by the City.

Hollywood Park Casino LLC worked with a Los Angeles art consultant in identifying artists and artworks with connections to the region. Wedel's experience in large sculpture and his ties to the region through graduate school and his gallery, directly led to the commission. This sculpture, owned by Hollywood Park Casino, is part of the unique gaming art collection viewed on the website: <http://www.playhpc.com/about>

Artist:

Matt Wedel

Collection:

Hollywood Park Casino

Medium:

Sculpture

Material:

Glazed Ceramic

Size:

78" x 65" x 75" on a marble clad pedestal

Hollywood Park Casino
3883 W. Century Blvd.
Inglewood, California

Artist:**Matt Wedel**

Artist Matt Wedel explored the properties of clay and the elements of chance involved in glazing in his father's pottery studio. The younger Wedel's art explores the mythological recreation of the world in clay. His intricate models of vegetation, minerals, and animals seem familiar, but reference roots in the underground. His visually complex forms are coating in spasms of saturated color.

Wedel received his BFA from Chicago's School of the Art Institute and his MFA from CSU Long Beach. He has exhibited in solo and group shows in London and Los Angeles. His artwork is in public collections from Nova Scotia, Canada to Long Beach.