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Scottsdale, Arizona

TITLE	<i>Sonoran Suite</i> , Landscape Viewing Platform
LOCATION	Princess Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona
DESCRIPTION	<i>Sonoran Suite</i> is a large landscape viewing platform where four sculptures are viewing portals which frame significant mountain views surrounding the City of Scottsdale, Arizona. The four bronze portal sculptures are imaged from tiny fragments gathered in the landscape, such as seeds, buds, etc. These small bits of landscape ecology are enlarged to dramatic proportions and transformed into the bronze portals that frame the distant desert landscape from which they are taken. The work describes Scottsdale by bringing the participant to the distant mountains that ring the City. Rather than using the City and the car as a way of conditioning our view of the landscape, the reverse is true and we are asked to regard our urban existence as part of a larger, more sacred order.
DATE	2006
MEDIUM	Bronze, concrete, trees
DIMENSIONS	L100'xH16'x W22' (diameter)
COMMISSIONED BY	Scottsdale Public Art Program, Scottsdale Cultural Council
FABRICATION	Metal Arts Foundry, Utah Valley Rain
CLIENT/REFERENCE	Margaret Bruning, Associate Director, Scottsdale Public Art Program Valerie Vadala-Homer, Vice President and Director, Scottsdale Public Art Program