

## *Speaking of Home* Fact Sheet

- Artist: Nancy Ann Coyne
- Project: *Speaking of Home*
- Dates: August 4 to October 31, 2008
- Description: Site-specific, temporary installation that transforms an industrial, elevated pedestrian bridge into a public artwork. *Speaking of Home* explores the meaning of home to immigrants and celebrates Minnesota's diversity during the state's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. (Please note: the Republican National Convention will be held in Minneapolis-St. Paul between September 1 and September 4)
- Photographs: 23 oversized (10-foot by 13-foot) translucent black and white family photographic portraits of immigrants now living in the Twin Cities
- Installation: The photographs will be installed on oversized windows in a pedestrian bridge, and the total length of the installation will be 150 feet
- Materials: Photographs printed on a sheer, scrim banner fabric; biographies of the immigrants will appear on Plexiglas silk-screened text panels
- Site: IDS Center – Macy's Skyway  
Nicollet Mall between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets  
Minneapolis, MN
- Site owner: IDS Center
- Governance: Skyway Advisory Committee of the Minneapolis Downtown Council
- Audience: Approximately 18,000 people pass through the IDS Center-Macy's Skyway daily. Approximately 30,000 traverse Nicollet Mall daily.
- Minneapolis-St. Paul Immigrant population: The Twin Cities are the home of the largest Somali and Hmong populations and the second largest Tibetan population in the U.S. Students enrolled in Minneapolis and St. Paul public schools speak over 120 languages.
- Project Partners: Forecast Public Art, the Family Housing Fund, and the Institute for Advanced Study at the University of Minnesota.
- Community Partners: Intermedia Arts, CommonBond Communities, IDS Center, Macy's.
- Funders: The Family Housing Fund, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, The McKnight Foundation, the Carolyn Foundation, the Target Foundation, Wells-Fargo Bank Foundation, the Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation, the Thrivent Financial Foundation for Lutherans, General Mills Foundation, Travelers Foundation, Jerome Foundation, Spectrum Trust of the St. Paul Foundation, Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation, the Minneapolis Foundation, the State of Minnesota through the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission's Grants Program, the RBC Dain Rauscher Foundation, Xcel Energy Foundation, the Archie D. and Bertha H. Walker Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation, and the TCF Bank Foundation.
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