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## **RED Development and Lee's Summit Arts Council to Present Sculpture at Summit Fair**

*Local Artist Jorge Garcia Almodovar selected for Permanent Art Sculpture*

**LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo. (June 18, 2010)** – RED Development and the Lee's Summit Arts Council will present the community with a permanent art sculpture on Friday, June 25 at Summit Fair, a lifestyle shopping center at I-470 and US 50 Hwy in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Kansas City artist, Jorge Garcia Almodovar was chosen following a formal call to artists.

Garcia will present the sculpture, entitled "Crescendo", at the Sounds at Summit Fair concert featuring The Shanks on Friday, June 25th. The concert begins at 6 p.m. and is free to the public. The presentation will occur at approximately 6:45 p.m. and will be accompanied by free McAlister's mini-cookies to the first 250 attendees.

Garcia's concept proposal was chosen by the Artist Selection Panel based upon his fresh approach to site specific artwork. While creating the sculpture for Summit Fair, Garcia considered its location within the main street's roundabout and how passersby may experience the work while walking or driving around the circular sculpture.

Utilizing translucent plastics, industrial metals, Garcia created six curved structures mounted high in a fan-like pattern on three 20' tall columns. The spiral effects created by these curved panels give a sense of upward movement while the translucent colored materials on the structures overlap and intermingle with one another casting a variety of colors on the surrounding location.

"RED Development and the Lee's Summit Arts Council are excited to share the work of Jorge Garcia

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with the community,” said Cassie Lane, marketing director for Summit Fair. “The sculpture will certainly be the centerpiece of the shopping center and is sure to bring delight to all visitors.”

RED Development sought the expertise of the Lee’s Summit Arts Council when a permanent, outdoor art installation was needed as the center’s focal point in its roundabout green space. A formal call for artists was announced in late 2009. Artists and artist teams from Kansas and Missouri were eligible to submit qualifications for consideration. Artists selected in the first round were invited to participate in a Request for Proposal process, sharing a concept proposal with the Artist Selection Panel, comprised of citizens and professionals from the community.

### **About Jorge Garcia Almodovar**

Jorge Garcia Almodovar lives and works in Kansas City, Missouri. As an artist, he continually strives to bring a fresh approach to site specific artwork. Garcia accomplishes this by the use of color and rhythm in his minimalist inspired structures. His sculptures are often designed to interact with their intended locations, while allowing the viewer to explore the works themselves.

Garcia’s artwork has been exhibited throughout the Kansas City area in places such as The Fahrenheit Gallery, Jan Weiner Gallery, Review Studios and most recently The Dolphin Gallery. In 2008, Garcia received a Charlotte Street Foundation Award for excellence in the visual arts. This award was accompanied with an exhibition of his work at the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art in Overland Park, KS.

### **About Summit Fair** ([www.summitfairshopping.com](http://www.summitfairshopping.com))

Summit Fair is a 500,000 square-foot development at I-470 and U.S. 50 Highway in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. The outdoor lifestyle center is adjacent to RED Development’s SummitWoods Crossing, which features 735,000 square feet of stores and restaurants. To learn more about Summit Fair, visit [www.summitfairshopping.com](http://www.summitfairshopping.com).

### **About Lee’s Summit Arts Council** ([www.lsartscouncil.net](http://www.lsartscouncil.net))

The Lee’s Summit Arts Council was established by the City of Lee’s Summit on January 1, 2002 to be a standing committee comprised of citizens and professionals established primarily to coordinate efforts between agencies and educate the public regarding community arts opportunities. The LS Arts council promotes, develops, strengthens and advocates for the arts in Lee’s Summit. To learn more about the Lee’s Summit Arts Council and their mission, visit [www.lsartscouncil.net](http://www.lsartscouncil.net).

### **About RED Development, LLC**

About RED Development, LLC ([www.reddevelopment.com](http://www.reddevelopment.com)) RED Development, LLC, formed in 1995, has co-headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. and Scottsdale, Ariz. RED develops, leases, manages and owns shopping centers throughout the nation. RED has more than 30 centers open, in development or under construction, totaling more than 19 million square feet. The company primarily focuses on open-air, lifestyle centers and destination retail and entertainment developments.

### **About CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.**

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