

# NORTH PARK 50

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## **NorthPark Center welcomes new exhibition by artist Leo Villareal**

*Two works, **Diamond Sea** and **Buckyball**, by leading contemporary artist Leo Villareal will be on view at NorthPark beginning November 5.*

Dallas, TX - November 2, 2015 - NorthPark Center, Dallas' premier shopping destination, is pleased to announce an exhibition of two new art additions by New York-based artist Leo Villareal. Villareal is considered a pioneer in the art world for his use of LEDs and computer-programmed imagery.

"Light has a very powerful effect," Villareal said. "It's something that is deeply ingrained in us. I think my pieces operate on a level that looking at a fire does. I've described my works several times as 'digital campfires.' They're harnessing that same thing that happens with a fire — the way that it's pleasant to be near that light."

**Buckyball**, 2015, will be on view in CenterPark Garden. The work is inspired by the work of Buckminster Fuller and combines concepts of geometry and coding with illuminated sculpture. **Buckyball** features a total of 4,500 LED nodes arranged in a series of pentagons and hexagons, each programmed by Villareal to display over 16 million distinct colors. Through basic elements such as binary codes, the artist allows for a better understanding of the underlying structures and systems that govern everyday function. These simple elements come together to form a full-scale sculptural installation that is complex and dynamic. An earlier version of this work by the same title was originally commissioned by the Madison Square Park Conservancy, New York, and was exhibited in the park in 2012. Nancy A. Nasher and David J. Haemisegger commissioned this latest iteration of **Buckyball** to be created specifically with NorthPark in mind.

**Diamond Sea**, 2007, is a 10-by-15-foot wall-like sculpture with 2,400 white LED nodes. As the name suggests, the mirrored façade of the work, pinpricked by flashes of light, is evocative of the sun catching the spontaneous ripples in the sea. Villareal programmed the lights so that the various images and patterns created are spontaneous, unpredictable, and infinite. The work is on loan from the artist and will be on view at NorthPark for a limited time.

We are thrilled to bring these dynamic light installations to NorthPark Center," said Nancy A. Nasher, co-owner of NorthPark Center with husband David J. Haemisegger. "It is with particular joy that we finally unveil **Buckyball**, a masterful work that was commissioned with NorthPark Center in mind. The work incorporates an architect's design sense, a software programmer's command of technology, and a composer's attention to form and meter, completely transforming our CenterPark Garden. In viewing **Buckyball** and **Diamond Sea**, visitors will experience something unique as these ever-changing installations of light and color turn the interior and exterior of NorthPark into remarkably transcendent spaces."

The artist's public installations include site-specific works in New York City's Bleecker Street subway station, The Johnson Museum in Ithaca, New York, The Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, Florida, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, The National Gallery, Washington D.C., and most notably The Bay Lights, the 2-mile long light sculpture on the Bay Bridge in San Francisco, California.

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