

Light Spikes

PUBLIC ART COLLECTION IDENTIFICATION SUMMARY



Number: 0030

Artist: Baker, Jay

Title: Light Spikes

Date: 1990

Type: Sculpture

Medium: Aluminum frames and awning material

Dimensions: 24' each

Foundry/Fabricator: Enduro Awnings

Location/Environment: George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Outdoors

Provenance: Given to the City by the artist

Historical Background

Light Spikes was created for the 1990 Economic Summit of Industrial Nations and was originally installed in front of the George R. Brown Convention Center.

The large, abstracted flags represent the European Economic Community as well as the seven countries that participated in the Summit.

Light Spikes is now located at the George Bush Intercontinental Airport, near Terminal C and the Mickey Leland International Arrivals Building.

Physical Description

This sculpture consists of eight flags that are individually wrapped around square columns. Each "spike" is supported by an aluminum grid structure and a ten foot concrete pier below the ground. The columns lean at a ten degree angle toward a central point that represents Houston. The distance between each "spike" and this point is relative to the distance between Houston and the capital of the country the flag represents. The countries represented are the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Japan, Canada, the European Community, Italy and Germany.