



Arch

Aluminum and painted fiberglass

1973

Steven Jay Urry, American (1939-1993)

Steven Jay Urry was known for his abstract welded steel and aluminum sculptures of biomorphic forms. Born in Chicago, he first drew serious attention in 1966 during a solo show of large-scale welded steel sculptures in Chicago. In 1969, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago hosted a solo show of Urry's work. He also lived and worked in San Francisco, New York, Miami, and Arizona.

Arch was originally exhibited at a 1973 sculpture exhibition entitled "Off the Pedestal" in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The sculpture spent time in Grand Rapids, and was eventually purchased by the City of Muskegon and sited at the entrance to the Muskegon City Hall. Later, it was moved to 11th Street at Muskegon Avenue, one of the main city thoroughfares at that time.

With the creation of a highway bypass in Muskegon in the early 2000s, ***Arch*** lacked public visibility, and the sculpture was moved in 2016 to a more prominent place at 7th Street and Western Avenue, next to the historic Union Depot, home to the county's visitor center.

In 1977, after a solo show at the Muskegon Museum of Art, much of Urry's work was lost in a highway accident as he was returning to New York. He died in 1993.