

## Local Art Consultant Makes CoD+A Awards Finals

*Fish Bellies*, an art installation commissioned by Austin and Houston-based [Art + Artisans Consulting](#) for [Texas State University](#), has been named a finalist for The Art Commission Collaboration of Design +Art Award. The [CoD+A Awards](#) were established to celebrate design projects that demonstrate the most successful integration of commissioned artwork into an interior or architectural space.

Composed of layers of frosted acrylic, [Fish Bellies'](#) large biomorphic forms draw inspiration from the social and biological diversity of the nearby San Marcos River. During the day, the piece's translucency operates like ethereal anatomy whereas at night it transforms into a bioluminescent landscape. The piece generates a new student landmark inviting people to climb into and on top of the interlocking glowing enclosures.

Fish Bellies was a collaboration between Art+Artisans Consulting, artists Joe O'Connell and Blessing Hancock, Texas State University, Schneider Structural Engineers and the fabrication team at Creative Machines, Inc. Winners will be announced in August.

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