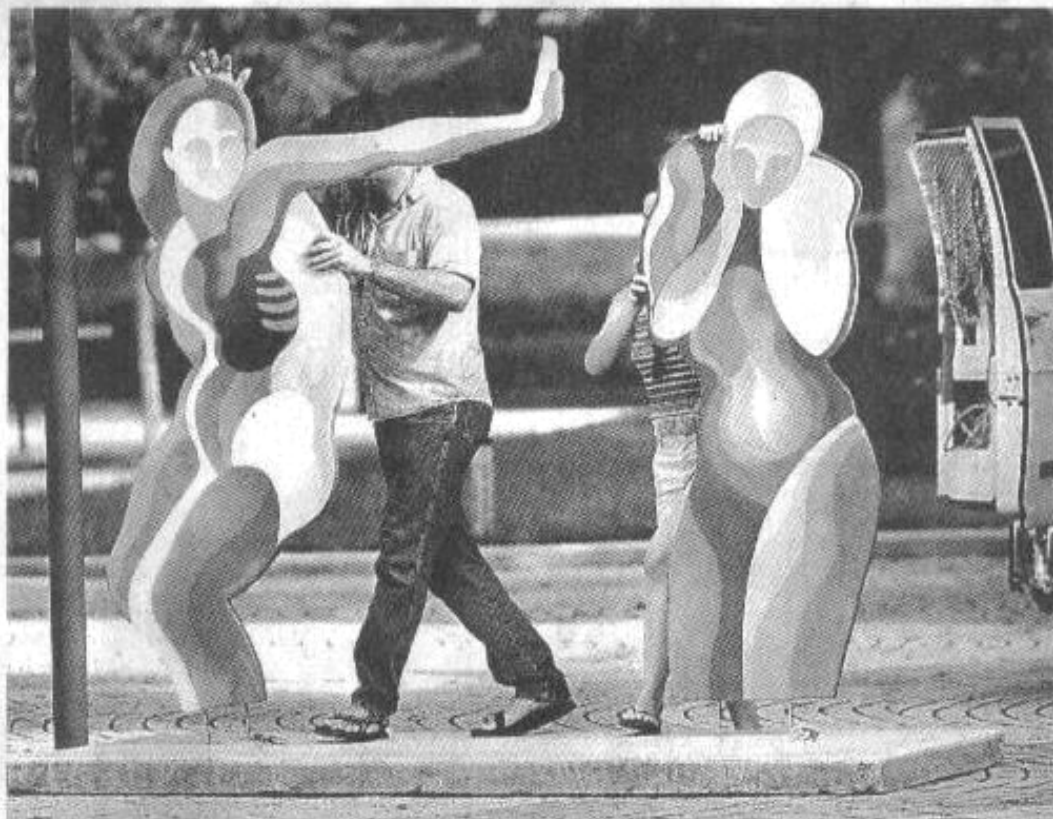


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Giving shape to a dream

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Thanks to Orlando's Downtown Sculpture Program, artists are taking to the street.

Look downtown and you can find artwork such as "Human Situation II" created by Miami artist Cecilia Lueza (pictured with her husband in front of the Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre).

The artwork of the Argentine-born artist depicts human relationships seen through an outsider's eyes.

"I believe that the artist is a person without a homeland, open to the entire world and all that it has to offer, compatible with all its landscapes, a witness to its miseries and the protagonist of a singular moment, the act of creation," Lueza says.

Lueza calls the opportunity "like giving life to a dream." She believes that with every new piece

she comes closer to achieving her goal of becoming a great artist. And this program might change her life. "What I need is people who believe in me, who believe in my work."

The sculpture program features 38 pieces by 22 artists and can be found spread throughout downtown for at least the next year. Brenda Robinson's Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs oversees the project; she says that if the program is well-received it could become permanent.

Information about the sculpture and the artists is available on the Web at www.cityoforlando.net/arts.

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