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## LOS ANGELES PUBLIC-ART WALKING TOUR

## A USC Libraries Exploration

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To build on your learning experience at the **Los Angeles Public-Art Walking Tour**, the USC Libraries present a short video of pieces from Gilbert Lujan's 1999 public-art installation in the Red Line Metro Rail station located at Hollywood and Vine.



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### Background

The **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority** commissions a variety of public art pieces for rail and bus transportation projects. Most notably, the Metro Rail system enlisted artists and designers to enhance 63 stations in the Los Angeles area. The artist designs for the stations on the Metro Red Line, extending from Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles to North Hollywood, are the most theatrical in their conceptions of local histories, urban symbols, and L.A. myths. The short video features artwork from the Hollywood and Vine station, designed by Gilbert "Magu" Lujan in collaboration with the Miralles Associates, Inc. architectural firm. Lujan's designs are a phantasmagoric evocation of the dream factory and cultural fantasy that is Hollywood.

If you would like to further explore public art on the Metro Rail system, Metro offers free tours on the first Saturday and Sunday of every month. The tours are round-trip and last approximately 2 hours. No reservations are required. For more information, visit [www.metro.net/art](http://www.metro.net/art).

### Questions

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