

A Splash of Summer Color

If you're ready to pull on your tennis shoes and walk around town, then Wilmington, N.C., is your ideal summer destination. The Pedestrian Art Program, an outdoor public sculpture program, is showcasing new work by Carl Billingsley through July.



"Prism Arc I" is one of Carl Billingsley's painted steel sculptures that have taken over downtown Wilmington, N.C.

The project's motto, "Art Everywhere, Everyday, for Everyone," rings true. Billingsley's sculptures practically jump off the sidewalks with bright colors. Located on medians, in the central business district and other downtown properties, this art isn't just accessible, it's pleasantly unavoidable.

This is the first time the sculptor has integrated color into his work, and he still considers it secondary to form and light. When challenged by a col-

league to add color, Billingsley paired yellow with orange and blue in "Prism Arc I" and "Prism Arc II." Although the yellow paint in both sculptures came from the same can, the light and contrasting colors make that fact questionable.

Sponsored by non-profit WilmingtonCreative, the Pedestrian Art Program selects a new artist to feature every six months, spurring constant dialogue with its citizens, tourists and landscape. Visit www.pedestrianart.com to learn more or see it for yourself. —C.P.