



Ernest Trova's *TWO STANDING POETS*

Location: Clayton Gardens Plaza, at the intersection of Meramec Avenue and Kingsbury

CCF supported the installation of *Two Standing Poets* by Ernest Trova (1927-2009) in the Clayton Gardens Plaza. Trova is a world-renowned artist who was born and raised in Clayton and lived in the St. Louis area his entire life. On loan from St. Louis County, this important work highlights a unique style in Trova's career.

The Poet series is characterized by simplified painted Cor-ten steel forms. The figure that represents the Poet is often so abstracted as to be almost unrecognizable. Trova presents the Poets not as specific people, but rather as person-sized monoliths. Their identity as figures is not created through specificity of form, but implied through their size and relationship with their surroundings. This piece was installed in 2015.



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