

# Hand in Hand

Artist: Michael Stutz

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Camden Community Center / 3369 Union Ave., San Jose, CA 95124 / Council District 9

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## ABOUT THE PROJECT

Michael Stutz collaborated with the community in the development of an artwork for Camden Community Center. Known for his large scale whimsical woven sculptures, Michael was originally inspired by his participation in parades and celebrations for their scale and engagement with viewers.

*Hand in Hand* is a large woven bronze welcoming hand, in the artist's signature fashion. The work depicts a small hand in the middle of a large hand, suggesting relationship between adult and child, large and small.

Located atop of a small mound at the entryway into the community center and adjacent to the playing fields, it serves to greet people as they come to the facility. Viewers regularly see children waving at the artwork from cars as they enter the community facility.

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Michael Stutz is based in Southern California and has created public artworks in many locations including Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Washington, New York, and Japan. In addition to his public art practice, he has also created art installations and temporary works that have been featured in both one-person and group shows. He was a professional prop designer and builder for many years and has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from University of Tennessee Knoxville.



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