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'It has a very warm heartbeat': Madison celebrates city's recently installed mosaic

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MADISON (WKOW) — The City of Madison, in collaboration with the Madison Arts Commission, is celebrating a new addition to its public art collection. A large mosaic titled "Wisconsin Landscape," generously donated by the MacCrimmon family, is now on display.

The "Wisconsin Landscape" mosaic, created by acclaimed Dutch artist Arnold Zweerts in 1977, was purchased by Madison residents Don and Barbara MacCrimmon. The MacCrimmons, lifelong friends of Zweerts, sought to place the mosaic into a public collection in 2022 with the help of mosaic artist and historian Lillian Sizemore.
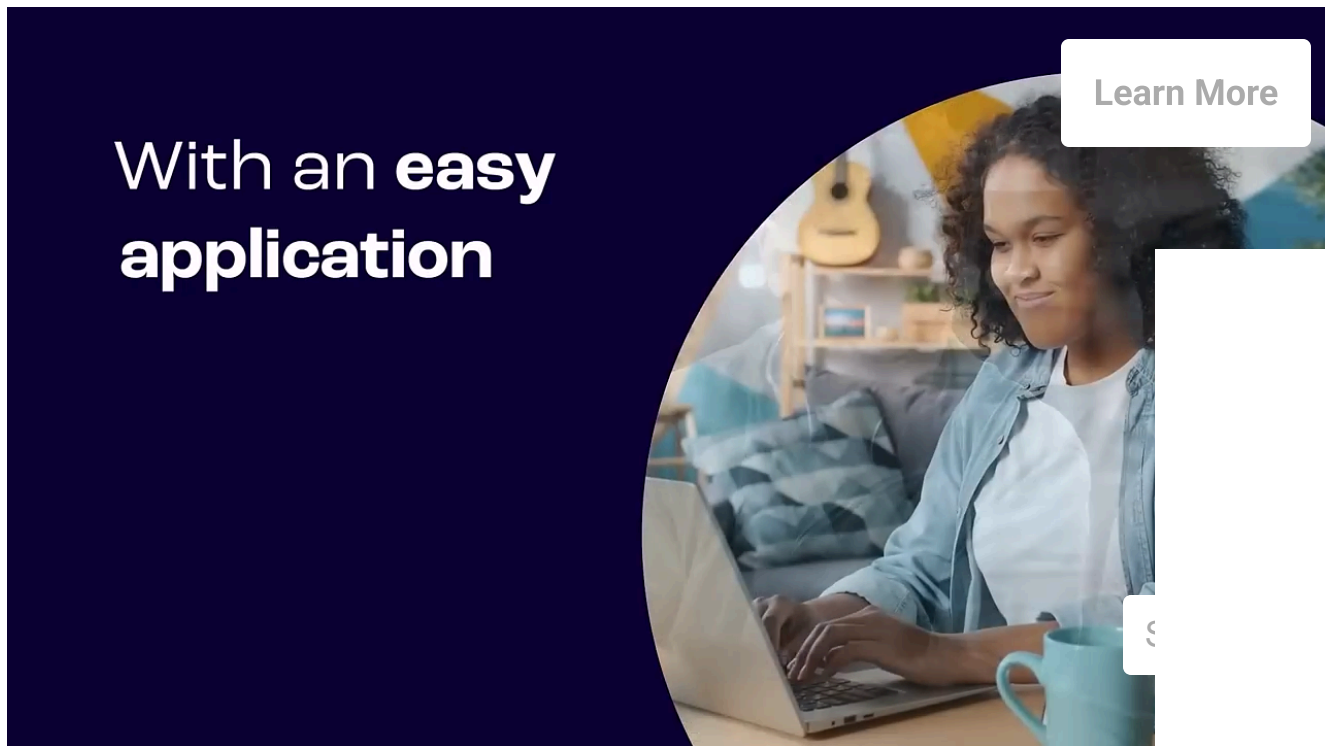
The Kohler Foundation, Inc. received the mural donation and transferred its ownership to the City of Madison. They also funded the conservation, transportation, and installation costs.

"This took three years and dozens of people to make this happen," said Karin Wolf, the city of Madison Arts and Culture Administrator. "From the carpenters who did the custom ash frame to the contractors who built a reinforced wall so we could hang it."

"It has a very warm heartbeat," Sizemore said about the artwork. "I hope that residents of Madison will come and feel that same warmth."

The mosaic is on display at the Parks Lakeside Community Room on 330 E. Lakeside Street. It's open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

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