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## 'Mother and Child' public art installation unveiled in Madison

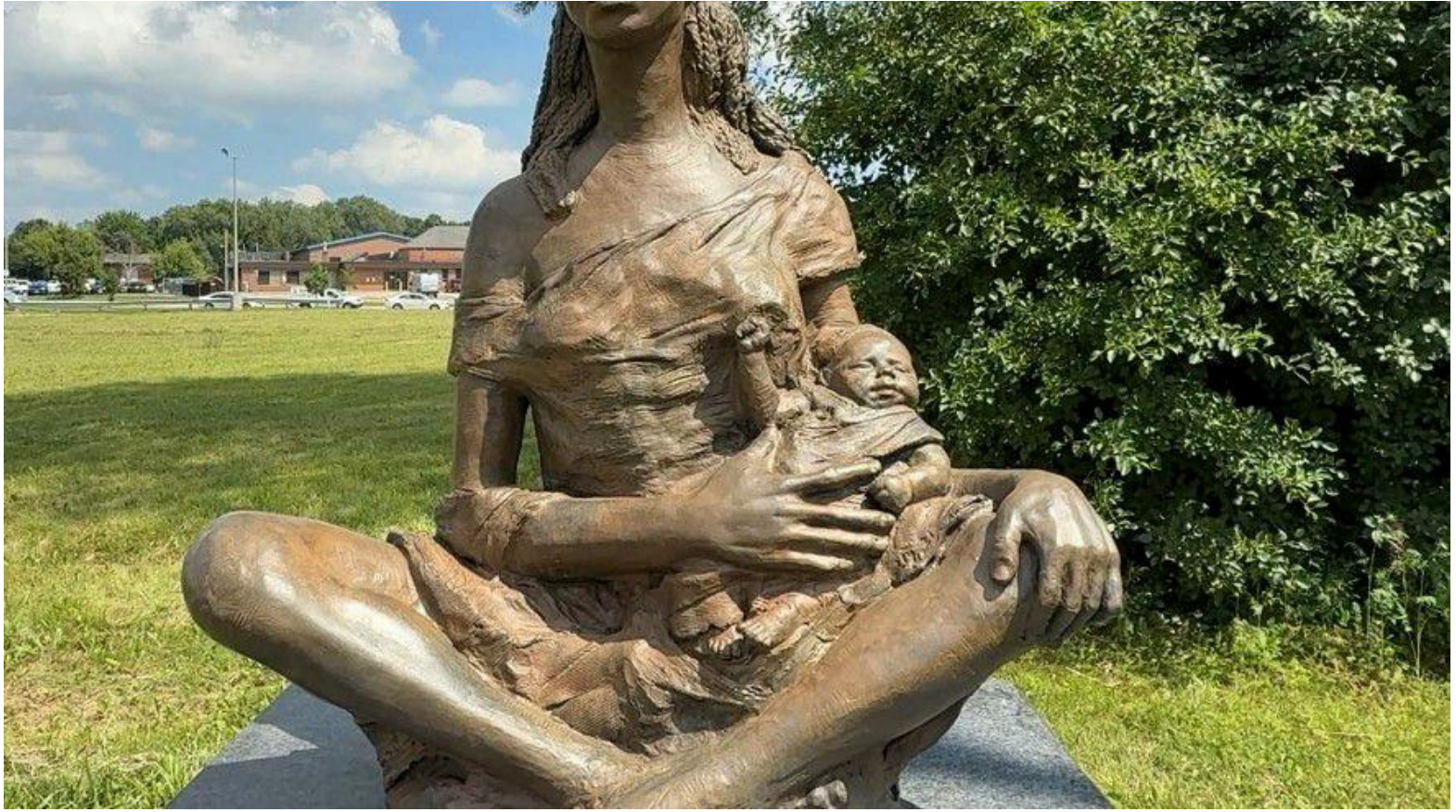
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MADISON, Wis. — The City of Madison Arts Commission officially unveiled a new work of art that will reside in the Darbo-Worthington neighborhood Tuesday.

“Mother and Child” is a bronze sculpture by Detroit-based artist Austen Brantley. The sculpture depicts the bond between a mother and her child.





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It sits at the end of a public sidewalk, at the base of the Starkweather Creek Pedestrian/Bike Path bridge.

"This project has been a long time coming, and I am so proud to complete this piece for the City of Madison. It has been a pleasure working on this commission and I hope 'Mother and Child' is enjoyed by viewers for generations to come," Brantley said.





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In 2017, a [Darbo-Worthington-Starkweather Neighborhood Plan](#) called for the City of Madison to invest in “empowering the neighborhood through cultural and community development initiatives.” The sculpture, the city said, is a direct result of that.

The Madison Arts Commission said this public art installation is reflective of its efforts to bring “meaningful public art” to the community.

“As Chair of the Madison Arts Commission, I would like to commend the City of Madison for its continued commitment to supporting public art that brings neighborhoods together and celebrates our shared humanity,” Nick Pjevach, Madison Arts Commission chair, said.

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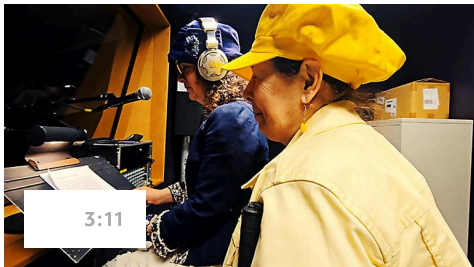
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