

# ART IN THE LOOP - CELESTIAL FLYWAYS



**Title**  
**Celestial Flyways**

**Artists**  
**Laura DeAngelis with DRAW Architecture + Urban Design**

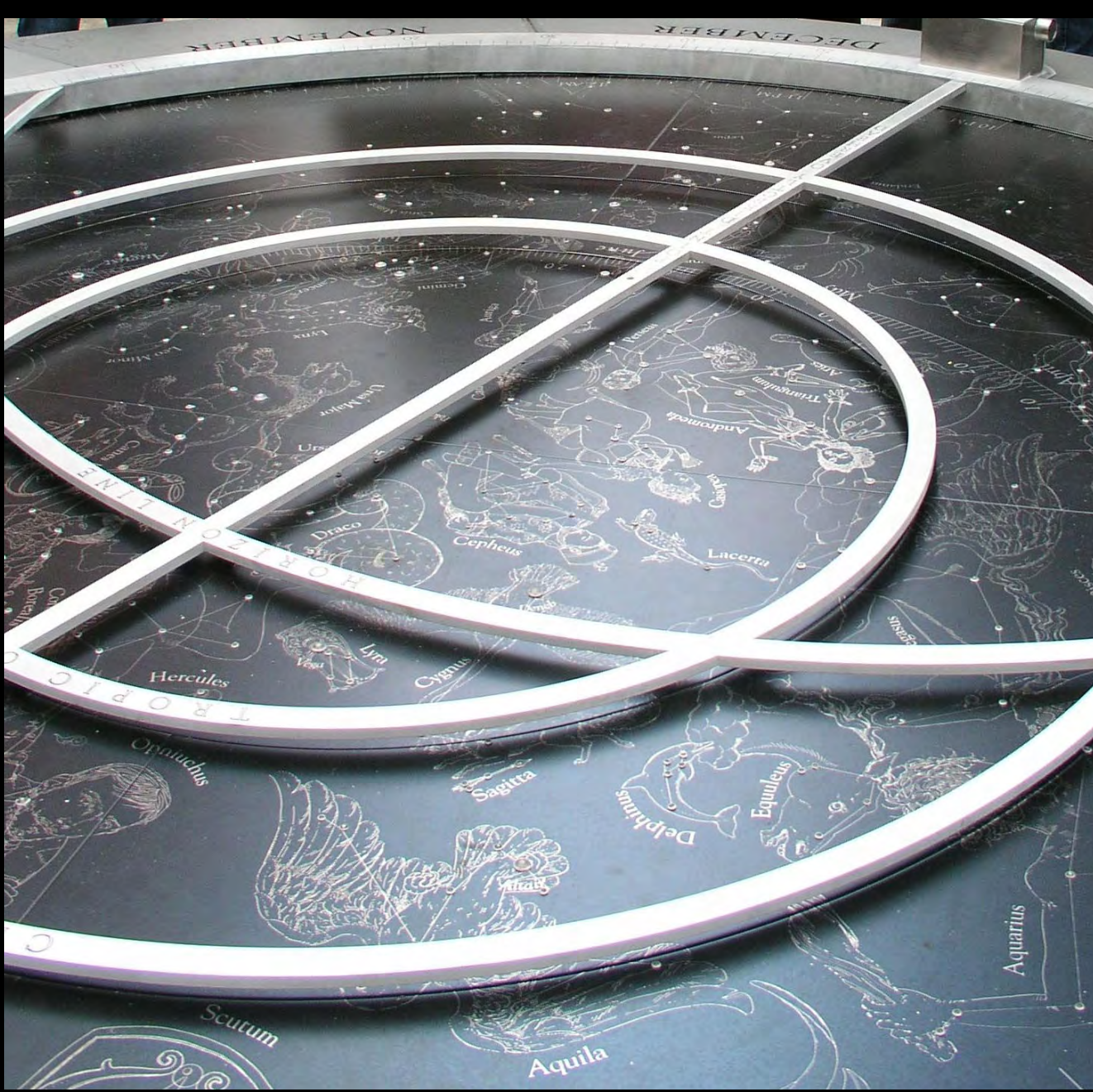
**Location**  
**Oppenstein Park, NE corner of 12th Street at Walnut**

**Completed**  
**2008**

## Public Art



At the heart of the park is a unique, interactive sculpture, the Star Disk. Measuring 10 feet in diameter, the Star Disk is the world's largest-known modern recreation of an anaphoric clock - an ancient astronomical machine. When visitors 'set' the current date and time, the disk's surface reveals the exact position of 457 stars and constellations directly overhead. Artist Laura DeAngelis also created 15 native bird sculpture-reliefs and hand-made ceramic tiles for the park.



## Catalyst for a Vibrant Urban Park



What was once a challenging urban space is today a vibrant, active neighborhood park with cutting-edge public art. The artist and architect team successfully transformed this pocket park with a mix of engaging art and functional improvements including rain gardens and new seating. Their vision was to highlight the park's ecosystem, a site-specific approach that reflects our City's relationship with the heavens.



## Before Celestial Flyways



## From the Architect

"Working on Oppenstein Park gave our firm good exposure and was an experience that I appreciated tremendously. The experience with Art in the Loop has given us the practical knowledge and expertise that has allowed us to compete within the public art sphere..."

- Dominique Davison

## From the Artist

"I wanted to bring the absolute beauty of the natural world to a city park. This installation reminds visitors to slow down enough to observe and find comfort in the eternal order of the universe and the role it plays in our own lives and all the life around us."

- Laura DeAngelis