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## TYPros Presents Centennial Green Sculpture



*PAST-ON: Artist Shane Fernandez presented his sculpture to the City of Tulsa on behalf of TYPros today. Elements of the sculpture represent the history that has made Tulsa the great city it is today and the forward direction the city is progressing. Photographed here, from left are Don Walker, President and CEO of Arvest and Chair of the Land Legacy; Eric Gomez, District 4 City Councilor; Karisha Arnett, 2009 TYPros Chair; and Shane Fernandez, Artist and Corporate Director of Architecture for Crafton Tull Sparks.*

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(TULSA) — Tulsa’s Young Professionals, in partnership with the City of Tulsa and Land Legacy and with the support of Arvest Bank, presented a sculpture Monday, May 11 to the City of Tulsa in honor of the Oklahoma Centennial. TYPros’ gift was unveiled at a ceremony at the new Chapman Centennial Green at

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The 12-foot sculpture, created by Shane Fernandez, past chair of TYPros and corporate director of architecture at Crafton Tull Sparks, and constructed by Flintco, was chosen during an open-call art competition in 2007. The piece serves as a gift to the city referencing Tulsa's history of the oil and gas industry while also focusing on the future of Tulsa and its next generation of leaders.

"Tulsa's Young Professionals was very involved in many of the Oklahoma Centennial projects, and this gift was one of the projects we worked hardest to make happen," said Karisha Arnett, 2009 TYPros chair. "This beautiful piece of art is our legacy to Tulsa, and we are immensely proud that it will reside in downtown."

TYPros members raised money to fund the project at a Centennial Party in 2006. Originally designed on a much smaller scale, the project took nearly two years and additional funding from Arvest Bank to complete for installation in the fountain at Chapman Centennial Green.

"It was an honor to have been selected to design this gift for the city," Fernandez said. "This was certainly a labor of love as I have a great love for this city and for Tulsa's Young Professionals. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish for Tulsa."

Gomez, Tulsa city councilor, accepted the gift on behalf of Mayor Kathy Taylor. Speakers at the unveiling included Gomez; Don Walker, president and CEO of Arvest and chair of Land Legacy; Arnett; and Fernandez.

#### **About Tulsa's Young Professionals**

Tulsa's Young Professionals is a dynamic, diverse group of emerging young professionals with a passion for affecting change in the Tulsa community. TYPros seeks to attract and retain young professionals in Tulsa and provide an opportunity to participate in the decision-making processes involving the development of Tulsa. TYPros provides its members with opportunities to get in front of and build relationships with local community and business leaders, as well as other young professionals. Funded by the Tulsa Metro Chamber, membership in TYPros is free. For more information about TYPros, visit [www.TYPros.org](http://www.TYPros.org) or visit the mobile site at [www.TYPros.mobi](http://www.TYPros.mobi).

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