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*Poetry, prose to grace stops along Orange Line*

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Ten visual artists, nine poets and nine prose writers have been commissioned in recent years for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's new Orange Line stations along the Southwest Corridor in Boston. Each of these stations now boasts works of art and literature which reflect the unique characteristics of surrounding communities.

The commissions were made as part of Arts in Transit: The Southwest Corridor, a comprehensive public art program designed to incorporate the arts into the overall design of the stations, and to reflect the rich cultural diversity of neighborhoods served by the new transit system.

Arts in Transit: The Southwest Corridor was designed and implemented by UrbanArts, Inc. for the MBTA. Arts in Transit also included a highly praised photography project which paired students with artists/photographers to document the old elevated Orange Line and surrounding communities, as well as an oral history project implemented in collaboration with Roxbury Community College.

UrbanArts is a not-for-profit public art agency committed to bringing the arts into the urban environment. The Arts in Transit project has been funded in part by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration and by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.