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Quick Facts

- Time Further Out stands 25 feet tall and is made of powder-coated steel and aluminum.
- Cassidy and Stanley have worked together before, most recently on the LYNX Blue Line Extension Project.



Tom Stanley, John Williams and Shaun Cassidy

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Winthrop University Associate Fine Arts Professor Shaun Cassidy and Department of Fine Arts Chair/Professor Tom Stanley have joined forces once again for a public art project. **Time Further Out**, the newest effort, was recently installed at the upcoming sports complex in Matthews, N.C.

“It allows the unexpected to happen and for someone else’s creativity to shift your direction slightly,” Cassidy said. “It’s not so egocentric, and it’s much more about recognizing what needs to happen in the work to make the work more successful in relationship to its mission.”

Time Further Out stands 25 feet tall and is made of powder-coated steel and aluminum. The bright, colorful shapes at the top bring to mind the seasons, the outline of sports fields, movement and equipment related to sports.

“The piece is really trying to capture a sense or feeling of joy and exuberance one associates with playing sports and feeling healthy and being out in the open,” Cassidy explained.

Stanley and Cassidy were also mindful about safety issues—making it tall enough so that children wouldn’t be tempted to climb it—and visibility issues.

The project began in 2008 when the town of Matthews put out a call to artists to create something for the site. Stanley and Cassidy’s design was approved by the Public Art Commission in Charlotte, but the project was put on hold and only returned to life about a year ago.

John Williams ’13, a fine arts alum who is currently a graduate student in New York, helped install the piece.

In the past, the two professors collaborated on a project for the LYNX Blue Line Extension Project.

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