

## Library artwork to include water, light, ice

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A Vancouver art and design studio has won the competition to create a large-scale public artwork for Winnipeg's Millennium Library Park.

Pechet and Robb, a firm that blends art and architecture, beat out more than 100 national and international proposals to create a site-specific work incorporating water, light and ice.

Its creation will be installed by this fall as part of the legacy of Winnipeg's cultural capital year. Funded by the federal Cultural Capitals program and the Winnipeg Arts Council, it will be the city's largest public art project to date.

"We are calling the work *emptyful*. . . . It will be based on a 3-D drawing of a large liquid container which will periodically be filled with water, fog, lights and even snow," Bill Pechet of Pechet and Robb said in a news release.

"It is a meditation on the idea that Winnipeg, and the prairies which surround it, are simultaneously full and empty, depending on the ephemera of weather, seasons and human endeavour."

Pechet and Robb's previous projects include *The Watering Garden*, a water-play plaza in Victoria that features a five-metre watering can with a computer inside it. Large buttons on the can trigger "surprising water events."