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Here's Some of the Art at the New Falcons Stadium

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We got to check out the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Tuesday. We were mostly interested in the art that's been commissioned for the Atlanta Falcons' and Atlanta United's new home, but we have to admit, it was pretty cool. The food we sampled along the way—from Fox Brothers BBQ, Gamechanger, Sublime Doughnuts, Antico Pizza, Molly B's and West Nest—almost made up for much of the art we didn't get to see because it's installed in places that we didn't, and the public won't, have access to.



The Falcons partnered with the Savannah College of Art and Design to fill its halls with sports-themed art. The collection features over 200 works by 55 artists, including nine who were selected from a brief 10-day call for artists. According to press materials, 35 percent of the artists are from Georgia, 75 percent are from the U.S., 25 percent are international, 25 percent are female (really?), and 15% are African-American (seriously?). There is talk of offering tours of the art collection, just as AT&T Stadium does for its notable collection, which set the gold standard for placing a fine art collection in a stadium. That's largely due to the Dallas Cowboys' owner, Jerry Jones and his wife Gene being serious art collectors.

For the record, here is the complete list of artists with works in Mercedes-Benz Stadium: Gabor Miklos Szoke, Matt Hebermehl, Jimmy O'Neal, Michael Porten, Nari Ward, Adam Cvijanovic, *Dario Escobar*, Radcliffe Bailey, Jake Messing, Melody Postma, Steven and William Ladd, Humans Since 1982, Antoine Rose, Gregory Eltringham, Hank Willis Thomas, Ivan Navarro, Spier Arts Academy, Shelter Serra, Jon Moody, Miya Ando, Random International, Joseph Guay, Mark Dorf, Amanda Weil, Adam Gabriel Winnie, Sandee Oliver Bartkowski, Marcus Kenney, Vibha Galhotra, Daniel Arsham, Teresita Fernandez, Laurent Grasso, Chris Beas, Richard Sullivan, Chas Underwood, Monica Cook, Wendy White, Hsu-Jen Huang, DL Warfield, Christopher Stevens, Nancy Lorenz, Justin Ward, Amiri Farris, John-Patrick McChesney, Doug Aitken, Chul Hyun Ahn, Will Penny, Elizabeth Winnel, Rebecca Gouldson, Hugo Dalton, Dan Vanlandingham, Ed Cohen, Artemus Jenkins, Gittel Chase Price, Kysa Johnson, Studio Rosa.

Dario Escobar's soccer ball installation is located near the entrance. Its position next to the escalator allows you to see it from every angle.

