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## **ERNST & YOUNG WORKS WITH LOCAL CURATION TEAM TO CELEBRATE LOCAL ARTISTS OF COLOR IN NEW EAST END OFFICE SPACE**

**AKRON, OH (July 28, 2021)** – Ernst & Young LLP (EY) recently unveiled its new offices in the East End, and today, ArtsNow is thrilled to celebrate its thoughtfully-curated space with art from Akron-based Black creatives.

During the planning process, the EY team connected with ArtsNow’s executive director, Nicole Mullet, with a clear vision of welcoming inclusion into its innovative space by highlighting local artists of color.

QUOTE FROM EY TEAM.

Mullet called upon the local mother-daughter artists April and Alexandria Couch and owner of Hazel Tree Design Studio Karen Starr—and the trio set the stage for the curation process.

“Art has a huge economic impact for the city, as the community recently recognized in the Cultural Plan. This is an excellent example of a business creating a celebratory and inclusive space for its team,” stated Mullet.

*After thoughtful consideration, the following pieces of artwork were chosen and all created by local artists:*

- Alexandria Couch with “Embody” and “Encompass”
- April Couch with “Zentangle Platter” and “Zentangle Sculpture”
- Chris Harvey with “All America Bridge” and “I-76 East”
- Dara Harper with “What I Remember”
- Diane Johnson with “Genesis 2” and “Genesis 3”
- Christine Mauersberger with “Foam” and “Join”
- Jessica Skinner with 3-foot by 3-foot wooden designs
- Antwoine Washington with “Peel Back the Layers”

To tour the space or learn more about EY, please visit [ey.com](http://ey.com), or for more information on ArtsNow, you may visit [artsnow.org](http://artsnow.org).

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