

PACIFIC GATE

SAN DIEGO

WHAT SAN DIEGO'S ART EXPERTS ARE SAYING ABOUT JAUME PLENSA'S PACIFIC SOUL

"Bosa Development is a model for insisting that daring architectural design and powerful public artworks by renowned artists are essential to the creation of functional living and gathering spaces in Southern California today. The engagement of Jaume Plensa to commission a large-scale, public sculpture for Pacific Gate is the third exceptional contemporary art commission for San Diego's waterfront by Bosa Development, which installed major artworks by Spencer Finch and Shirazch Houshiary at two other properties along the embarcadero. Plensa's "Pacific Soul" is sure to enchant all who enjoy San Diego's downtown, waterfront neighborhoods."

Dana W. Springs, Executive Director, The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture

"Bravo to Bosa for leading the way in bringing internationally significant public art to downtown San Diego. The newly commissioned Jaume Plensa sculpture, "Pacific Soul", promises to be a marvelous addition to our city".

Dr. Hugh Davies, Director Emeritus, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego.

"Jaume Plensa's sculptural use of visual language stems from his passion for the essential elements of ideas, poetry, symbolism and the written word. Forged into a classical sculptural tradition that materializes into a physical and perceptual work of art. "Pacific Soul" will be seen from the waterfront of the Pacific Ocean and at the cornerstone of downtown San Diego. At the site of Pacific Gate it will welcome viewers to step inside it and become a part of the work, opening the possibility to engage in a dialogue of metaphorical and symbolic language and to connect to people of all nationalities.

The "Pacific Soul" sculpture by Jaume Plensa is the outcome of a partnership combining Plensa's imagination, skill and energy with the enthusiasm of Bosa, the involvement of KPF Architects and the commitment to art in public places by the San Diego community. Conceived for public space, public art can create references to places, architecture, communities and urban planning. There is a synergistic association and reflection of how we see the world and an artist's response to our time and place, shared with our own sense of who we are."

Jody Russell, Fine Arts Services LLC, Art Advisor to Bosa California II

"We are so lucky to have works by outstanding artists to San Diego, including New York-based Spencer Finch, London-based Shirazch Houshiary, and now, Barcelona-based Jaume Plensa. Plensa's "Pacific Soul" touches hearts across all borders, international and local, public and private. We welcome it with deep gratitude; it will be an important and beautiful addition to the city."

Mary L Beebe, Director, Stuart Collection, University of California San Diego

"Jaume Plensa's work celebrates diversity and a common humanity by bringing together the languages of the world. We are delighted to have such an important work find a home in urban landscape San Diego."

Jennifer Rohr McMillan, Director, Artist Relations, Richard Gray Gallery