

EXPLORING THE HEART OF THE CITY: A SONG FOR WATER

A Song for Water with *De Wakpa Tanja Odoway / Song for the Mississippi River* features fragmented words and phrases carved onto the pavers that make up the plaza grounds. Internationally acclaimed artist Ann Hamilton created the granite carvings using the words of poet and Dakota historian Dr. Gwen Westerman.

Scan this QR code to view a series of videos we created to help families explore the art, and consider these questions as you interact with *A Song for Water*.



WATER

M'NEE Need the question for water from the video...

EARTH

MAKHÁ How are you adding to Earth's story today?

RIVER

WAKPÁ How are the rivers here essential for your life?

PEOPLE

OYATÉ Who are the people in your oyaté right now?

CLOUDS

MAĤPÍYA What are the clouds telling you today?

Visual art: *A Song for Water* (2021) by Ann Hamilton – Columbus, OH

Poem: *De Wakpa Tanja Odoway / Song for the Mississippi River* (2018) by Dr. Gwen Westerman – Southern, MN

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