

# TampaPublicArt



<b>Project Title:</b>	Belmont Heights Diamond
<b>Artist:</b>	Gary Moore (American, born 1954)
<b>Year Completed:</b>	December 2005, center dedicated September 2006
<b>Materials:</b>	terrazzo, brass
<b>Commissioning Agency:</b>	City of Tampa, Public Art Program
<b>Location:</b>	Cyrus Greene Community Center, 2101 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd



## Project:

This 10,000-square foot community center located at Cyrus Greene Park provides several amenities to the East Tampa community, including a multi-purpose room, computer lab, dance room, game room and kitchen. The center offers programs and activities for adults and children, including an after school program. The project was funded through a \$17 million bond issued in 1990 to improve the city's recreational facilities.

## Artist's Concept:

Belmont Heights Diamond is a multi-valent work that celebrates both the history and the culture of an African American community. It is a neighborhood that has strong ties to baseball history; from the Negro Baseball League to the present-day Belmont

Heights Little League that has made it to the Little League World Series three times in years past.

"The colors and patterns of the design are taken from an African American design aesthetic which describes how radical color and pattern juxtapositions, are a trademark of African American and African Diaspora visual art. From classic southern patchwork quilts to contemporary black women's hair color, the African American aes-

thetic design sense continues to grow. Using an actual scaled down baseball diamond as a base, the floor design is a contemporary interpretation of a baseball theme with a layer of art dispersed throughout the image." -- Gary Moore

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