

Artist's message of diversity lands spot at city school

NEW HAVEN — Construction workers used a crane to install a 17-foot-tall sculpture in the courtyard of Clinton Avenue School Tuesday morning.

Artist Douglas Kornfeld designed the stylized steel "Tree of Life," its branches hung with medallions portraying diverse people.

He painted the medallions and tree a single color to symbolize unity amid diversity.

Kornfeld, a Boston-based artist who has designed public art throughout the country, teaches art at the Cambridge

Center for Adult Education in Cambridge, Mass.

The Board of Education purchased the artwork as part of the city's "Percent for Art" program; the program has completed 27 of its 31 commissioned works of art for city-owned buildings.

Clinton Avenue School's renovation has been designed by Boroson Falconer Architects & Engineers. The school, originally built with a graceful Beaux Arts design in 1911, will open this fall at its original location at 293 Clinton Ave.

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Artist Douglas Kornfeld stands by as his sculpture, "Tree of Life," is installed at the Clinton Avenue School Tuesday in New Haven.