

## ***Guardian***

**Artist - Tony Stallard**

*Guardian* is a major site-specific light sculpture by UK artist Tony Stallard and is located outside The City of Calgary Manchester Centre on 25th Ave S.E. (Ward 9).

This impressive 30-foot sculpture was constructed of steel and neon. *Guardian* suggests the notion of protection and security both in regards to the work present at Manchester Centre and to the history of the site itself. The artist hopes the viewer makes the connection that *Guardian* honours the historical significance of this landscape. "Ideally, *Guardian* will mystify its viewers and provoke reflection on spirituality of place," Stallard says.

The artist was interested in working with both natural and artificial light. "I was entranced with the concept of capturing natural light within the structure and used *Guardian's* stacked galvanized steel compartments as apertures for synthesizing daylight."

### **The Artist**

Essex-based artist Tony Stallard is a new media artist specializing in digital technologies, light and sound sculpture. His works have been exhibited internationally including Holland, Czech Republic, Japan, Finland and throughout the U.K. *Guardian* is the artist's first Canadian installation.



### **The Project**

- The artist was chosen through an open call and jury process.
- The artist budget was \$80,000.
- This public art project was a collaborative initiative by the Public Art Program and Corporate Properties and Buildings.
- *Guardian* was completed in September 2010.

