



## Monument to the Simulacrum Sculpture

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<b>Funding</b>	\$139,869
<b>Recipient</b>	Stephen Hendee
<b>Year</b>	2006
	<p>The Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial funded a public artwork to commemorate the city's 2005 centennial celebration. Artist Stephen Hendee created a 16-foot-tall stainless-steel mountain-shaped sculpture, titled <i>Monument to the Simulacrum</i>, inspired by the philosophy of Jean Baudrillard. The artist intended the piece to embody both the natural beauty surrounding Las Vegas and the resilience needed to settle here, while exploring themes of reality and perception that reflect a key aspect of Las Vegas' identity.</p> <p>The monument was installed in 2007 above a buried time capsule on the grounds of the Historic Fifth Street School at 401 S. Fourth St. The Las Vegas Centennial time capsule is scheduled to be opened in the year 2105.</p>