



Title: Umlauf Angel

Catalog Number: LPA10

Artist: Charles Umlauf

Date: 1957

Location: City of Lubbock Cemetery, 2011 E. 31st Street, Lubbock, TX.

Description: A large cast-stone statue of an angel with hands folded in prayer and its gaze staring skyward.

History: Charles Umlauf was born in South Haven Michigan in 1911 of German immigrant parents and studied at the Chicago School of Sculpture and the Chicago Art Institute. He worked at numerous jobs in Chicago including the Federal Art Project for which he did sculpture commissions for public buildings. He moved to Austin, Texas in 1941 with his family where he taught for forty years in the Art Department of the University of Texas. From 1960 until 1991 he

personally supervised the casting of his sculptures in various foundries in Italy. Charles Umlauf died in 1994. The City of Lubbock held a competition for an artist to create an inspired sculpture for the City of Lubbock Cemetery. The Umlauf Angel was commissioned by the Cemetery Board in 1958 and was sculpted by Charles Umlauf. The Angel is the only full-size casting of an angel that Umlauf ever made. From 1958 to 1994 due to weathering the Angel development structural damage including obvious cracks. Due to this a conservator was brought to Lubbock to assess the condition of the piece and to develop a plan and budget for the restoration and preservation of the statue. This was funded by Keep Lubbock Beautiful, Civic Lubbock, Inc. and Friends of the Library. In September of 1995, the stabilization work began on the north side and east wing of the angel. In July 1996, efforts continued to repair all cracks and new wing tips were cast on the angel. The protect it a new shelter coat was applied.

Other artwork by artist/places exhibited: Umlauf's sculptures are to be found in churches, at numerous public sites, in museums including the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., and the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art as well as in many private collections. In 1985 he and his wife, Angeline Allen Umlauf, gave their home and studio with sculptures, drawings and paintings to the Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum.

Works Cited: Fillpot, Dirk. "Vandalism Strikes Lubbock Cemetery." *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*,

March 9, 2000.

Langton, Elizabeth. "Statue of Jesus Christ Destroyed By Vandals." *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, March 6, 1999.

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Material: Granite, and concrete composite (cast stone.)

Dimensions: 11'

Condition: 5

Owned By: The City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, TX 79457; (806) 775-3000.

Commissioned by: The Cemetery Board, Lubbock Texas.

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