In 1987, the Tucson Airport Authority Board of Directors made a commitment to acquire art for Tucson International Airport. Since then the Authority has assembled an impressive collection of work by artists living in Tucson’s air service area. Not a difficult task, as the region is home to some of the finest artists in the country.

In 1990, the Authority initiated an exhibits program and today boasts five galleries where displays are rotated throughout the year. The Native American Gallery features work by the many different tribes of southern Arizona and their art.

The Performing Arts Program, Live @ TIA, was launched in 2007 for individuals or groups to provide a cultural experience for our traveling public, meeters/greeters and employees at the airport.

Integrating art into the terminal structure is a component of the program. As part of the terminal expansion, art walls at the security checkpoints, on the baggage belts, and at the restrooms entrances feature original work from Arizona artists. Other sculptural art has also been integrated throughout the terminal complex.

This guide was created for airport visitors who have a few extra minutes to tour the airport. A complete list of the collection, as well as current exhibits, can be found at www.flytucson.com. To learn more about the TAA Arts and Culture Program email: art@flytucson.com or phone: 520-573-8187.