



## Doug Aitken's Mirror lights up SAM at First and Union (Photos)

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The wait was finally over last night at sunset when the much anticipated unveiling of [Seattle Art Museum](http://www.examiner.com/topic/seattle-art-museum/articles) (<http://www.examiner.com/topic/seattle-art-museum/articles>)'s latest acquisition, Mirror, lit up the corner of First and Union Streets. The piece was gifted and commissioned by the late great Bagley Wright. Doug Aitken's permanent installation hosts two giant LED screens on First Avenue (70' x 120') and on Union Street (60' x 120') - the screens present hundreds of hours of Northwest film footage daily from 7: 00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

I was captivated last night as I watched the kaleidoscopic of shots taken around a 100-mile radius of Seattle including images of the cityscape, the monorail, freeway traffic, the forests, the working waterfront and the mountains flash onto Sam's sleek façade. SAM says the images aren't on a simple loop and that the installation will respond to weather, traffic and the seasons. They also claim that viewers will never see the same images twice...but frankly, I hope I do.