



PROMISE, powder coated steel, 16' x 16' x 9'

The sphere has represented life, as an icon, since the beginning of time. I have taken this form and added the concentric circles to symbolize the rings of a tree. A tree is a symbol of strength, endurance and hope.

The solidity and grace of the form conveys a spirituality that is non-denominational. The open circle in the center of the sculpture allows the sun's rays to pass through.

The wedge that is cut into the piece helps to focus the light, like a beam, penetrating the shadow. This wedge suggests the strength of healing against the darkness.

# Rafe Ropek

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### Professional Vita

Public artist, 1987-present  
 Art consultant, T-REX Project, Rapid Transit of Denver, Colorado, 2003-present

### Selected Public Installations

DAWN FOUNTAIN and THE SUNSHELL, Plaza of the Sun, Aurora Municipal Center, Colorado  
 Municipal Axis, Civic Center, Ft. Collins, Colorado  
 Public seating for Sculpture Garden, Lincoln Center, Ft. Collins, Colorado  
 Kinetic atrium sculpture, Loveland Public Library, Colorado  
 Colorado Symbols Fence, State Capitol, Denver, completion date 2006

### Selected Collections

Valmont Park, City of Boulder, Colorado  
 Aurora Sports Park, Colorado  
 Poudre Valley Hospital, Ft. Collins, Colorado

### Education

BFA, Boston School of Fine Arts, Massachusetts

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### SCULPTURE PROPOSED FOR:

