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JIG RECEIVES DESIGN AWARD FOR RAY CHARLES PLAZA IN ALBANY, GEORGIA

***Georgia chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) recognizes JIG
for outstanding design of musically themed public plaza honoring Charles' legacy***

NORCROSS, GA – [Jordan, Jones & Goulding \(JIG\)](#), an engineering, landscape architecture, planning, and consulting services firm, received an Honor Award from the Georgia chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) recognizing JIG's overall excellence and outstanding design of the Ray Charles Plaza located in Albany, Ga.

The Honor Award was presented to JIG at the annual Georgia ASLA Professional Awards Program which recognizes professional excellence and outstanding examples of landscape architecture by Georgia-based landscape architects. The awards honor works that represent the forefront of the landscape architecture profession and embody high levels of creativity, imagination and a respect for the environment.

JIG was selected by Albany Tomorrow, a nonprofit corporation founded by community leaders to serve as the implementer of the Albany Downtown Riverfront Master Plan, to design a public park dedicated to the memory of Albany native and world-recognized entertainer, Ray Charles. Tapping its talented team of designers and landscape architects, JIG helped create a unique plan for a musically themed public plaza to serve as a tourist attraction, community space and multi-media experience within the city's growing riverfront area.

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JJG served as the landscape architect and project manager for the plaza which is located in Albany's Riverfront Park, a linear greenway and open space on the Flint River. The firm's landscape architecture team brought to life a distinct space consisting of a life size sculpture of Ray Charles seated at a baby grand piano, a programmable LED light system, rotating stage, an outdoor sound system playing Charles' music and a decorative fountain and surrounding pool.

"Our vision was to create a centerpiece plaza for the downtown riverfront that would truly capture and communicate the artistic style of Ray Charles while offering visitors an entertaining and multi-faceted experience," said Mack Cain, RLA and Director of Landscape Architecture at JJG.

The award recognition called attention to additional interpretive design elements and features JJG integrated into the plaza including walkways and concrete seats designed as piano keyboards and musical notes; a Braille dedication plaque and a miniature statue replica for the visually impaired; native live oaks and longleaf pines to take advantage of environmentally suitable and indigenous foliage, and; swing benches, seat walls and small picnic pavilions for shade.

"The Honor Award is a significant recognition and a fitting tribute to the collaborative efforts between our client at the city of Albany, the sculptor and our talented landscape architect design team," added Brad Jones, RLA and project manager for JJG.

About Jordan, Jones & Goulding (JJG)

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