

# A neon 'Stonehenge' has appeared in the desert outside Las Vegas

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The public installation will stay in place until May 2018 CREDIT: UGO RONDINONE: SEVEN MAGIC MOUNTAINS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, 2016. PHOTO BY GIANFRANCO GORGONI. COURTESY OF ART PRODUCTION FUND AND NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART

The imposing formations, evocatively named 'Seven Magic Mountains', comprise one of the largest land-based art installations in the United States for more than 40 years, and took almost five years to construct.

The installation is the work of Swiss-born artist Ugo Rondinone, and extends his long-running interest in natural phenomena and their representation through art.



"Seven Magic Mountains elicits continuities and solidarities between human and nature, artificial and natural, then and now," states Rondinone. CREDIT: GIANFRANCO GORGONI. COURTESY OF ART PRODUCTION FUND AND NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART

The gravity-defying stacked blocks evoke naturally-occurring hoodoos while their striking florescent colour is a nod to the bright lights of Las Vegas, which lies just 20 miles up Interstate 15.