MTA Arts for Transit (permart data) Data Dictionary

Through the Permanent Art Program, Arts for Transit commissions public art that is seen by millions of city-dwellers as well as national and international visitors who use the MTA's subways and trains. Arts for Transit works closely with the architects and engineers at MTA NYC Transit, Long Island Rail Road, and Metro-North Railroad, to determine the parameters and sites for the artwork that is the be incorporated into each station scheduled for renovation. Both well-established and emerging artists contribute to the growing collection of works created in the materials of the system—mosaic, ceramic, tile, bronze, steel, and glass. Artists are chosen through a competitive process that uses selection panels comprised of visual arts professionals and community representatives who review and select artists.

Data Label	Data Type	Data Description
Agency	Text	This is the abbreviated code for an agency. Example: LIRR=Long Island Rail Road, MNR = Metro-North Railroad, NYCT = New York City Transit
Agency Name	Text	This the full agency name. Example: Long Island Rail Road
Station Name	Text	This is the railroad or subway station where the art is located. Example: Atlantic Terminal
Line	Text	This is the railroad or subway line that is associated with the station. Example: Babylon Branch
Artist First Name	Text	This is the artist's first name. Example: Malin
Artist Last Name	Text	This is the artist's last name. Example: Abrahamsson
Art Title	Text	This is the name of the art work. Example: On the Trail of the Rising Sun
Art Date	Date	This is the year the art work was first displayed at the station. Example: 2008
Art Material	Text	This describes what materials were used in making the art work. Example: Glass and ceramic mosaic on West Stair Wall, Escalator Wall and Platform Waiting Room
Art Description	Text	This is a description of the art work along with other interesting facts. Example: Noel Copeland's artwork celebrates the abundance of flora and fauna in the Bronx.
Art Image Link	URL	This is a link that can take you directly to the MTA website so you may see the available art work at a specific branch or station. If you only wish to access and use the MTA's data, this does not require a license. However, if in conjunction with the data, you wish to use the MTA's copyrighted property (e.g. subway, bus, and rail maps) or registered trademarks (e.g. subway symbols, MTA agency names) in your application, you will need to apply for a license through the MTA website for use of the MTA's copyrighted property (http://web.mta.info/developers/license.html). Example: http://web.mta.info/mta/aft/permanentart/permart.html?agency=lirr&line=montaukbranch.