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2014 Art on the River Sculptures Chosen, Opening Announced

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque, Iowa, announces the selection of 10 works of outdoor sculpture for the 2014 Art on the River Exhibition. In its ninth year, the temporary public art exhibit drew 83 entries from 53 artists from 20 states, from Arizona to New York.

The works will be installed in front of the Grand River Center and along the Mississippi Riverwalk at the Port of Dubuque in June 2014, with an opening event set for Thursday, June 19, at 5 p.m. at the Grand River Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The following sculptures were chosen for this highly competitive exhibit through a blind judging process:

- Break Away, by Beth Nybeck, Kansas City, Mo., is a stainless steel sculpture that explores the rush and confusion that comes when one dares to run.
- At the Water's Edge, by Zachary Bowman, Ankeny, Iowa, is a combination stainless and mild steel sculpture which explores the relationship between land and water.
- Fly Away Home, by Andrew Arvanetes, DeKalb, Ill., is the third stainless steel sculptured Arvanetes has exhibited as part of Art on the River.
- Whirlette, by Bounnak Thammavong, Swisher, Iowa, combines steel and automotive paint to suggest the seed of a maple tree in the wind.
- In Between Sometimes, by Jason Scott, Prairie DuSac, Wis., explores the intersection of mechanical and organic systems
- Portal for the Agrarian, by Greg Mueller, Spartanburg, S.C., pays homage to the Corn Belt work ethic of agriculture and industry.
- Currently Bronze Anvil, Peter Flanary, Mineral Point, Wis., the cast bronze sculpture sits on a concrete base which will be constructed on-site.
- Zodiac Totem I, by Pokey Park, Tuscon, Ariz., depicts four of the 12 animals associated with zodiac years.

- Time Warp, by Tommy Riefe, Davenport, Iowa, challenges observers to experience and reimagine the space around them.
- Journey, by Zach Schnock, Cedar Falls, Iowa, accentuates multiple facets of Iowa's landscape and relates them to one's own life journey.

Art on the River is part of the Dubuque City Council's Arts and Culture initiative. Working in conjunction with the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, the Dubuque Museum of Art and a volunteer committee made up of artists, educators and city staff, the City has identified highly visible locations at the Port of Dubuque to display selected artwork. The Port of Dubuque is a 90-acre riverfront campus that features the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, Grand River Center conference center, Grand Harbor Resort and Water Park, Diamond Jo Casino, Port of Dubuque Marina, historic Dubuque Star Brewery, and Dubuque Shot Tower.

A panel of three credentialed jurors reviews the artist applications and makes a recommendation to the commission and the city council on the selection of artwork.

Jurors for the 2014-2015 exhibit were:

- **Darrell Taylor**, intermedia artist and director of the University of Northern Iowa Gallery Of Art in Cedar Falls, Iowa
- **Rebecca Ekstrand**, site-specific public sculpture artist based in Des Moines, Iowa
- **Mark Wahlert**, Dubuque Museum of Art, Executive Director

The current 2013-2014 Art on the River Exhibit, consisting of 10 works of sculpture, will be on display until June 2014. All of the sculptures are for sale and can be installed in both indoor and outdoor areas. The exhibit is free, can be viewed sunrise to sunset year-round, and is accessible. To vote for your favorite, go to www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver2013.

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