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Sculpture Proposals Sought for 2009 Art on the River Public Art Program

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque, Iowa, is soliciting proposals from qualified artists for the 2009 Art on the River public art program displaying works of sculpture throughout the Port of Dubuque.

This is the fourth year of Art on the River and up to 10 proposals consisting of works of sculpture will be selected for display at the Port of Dubuque from July 2009 to June 2010. Applications are available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver or may be obtained by calling the City Manager's office at 563-589-4110. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Last year, 67 submissions were received from 38 different artists from 15 states.

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 of artists, educators and City staff, the City has identified 10 highly visible locations at the Port of Dubuque to display selected artwork. The Port of Dubuque is a 90-acre riverfront campus which features the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, Grand River Center conference center, Grand Harbor Resort and WaterPark, Diamond Jo Casino, historic Dubuque Star Brewery, and Dubuque Shot Tower.

A selection committee consisting of juried artists will review the artist applications and make a recommendation to the Commission and to the City Council on the selection of artwork. Selected artwork will be available for purchase by the general public. A portion of the sales will be used to fund future public art projects. The 2008 Art on the River Exhibit, consisting of ten works of sculpture, will be on exhibit through June 30, 2009. Information on the 2008 exhibit is available at www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver.

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