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# NEWS RELEASE

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## 2016 Art on the River Sculptures Chosen, Opening Announced

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque announces the selection of 10 works of outdoor sculpture for the 2016 Art on the River Exhibition. In its eleventh year, there were 50 entries from 30 artists.

The works will be installed in June in and around the Grand River Center and along the Mississippi Riverwalk at the Port of Dubuque. The opening reception for the exhibit is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 22**, from 5-7 p.m. at the Grand River Center. The event is free, family friendly, and open to the public.

The following sculptures were chosen for this highly competitive exhibit through a blind judging process. Selections are in no particular order:

- Tim Hawley: “Leaf Skeleton”
- Scott Wallace: “Domesticator”
- J. Neil Lawley: “Dubuque Spatial”
- Ashley Kyber: “Points of Light”
- Michael Collins: “Watercraft”
- Stephanie Sailer: “Awakening”
- Andrew Arvanetes: “Two Wings and a Prayer”
- Ben Pierce: “Unsure”
- Kristin Garnant: “Fault Plane”
- J. Karl Lipscomb: “Conventional Apparatus”

Art on the River is part of the Dubuque City Council’s Arts and Culture initiative. A panel of three credentialed jurors reviewed the artist applications and made a recommendation to the

commission and the city council on the selection of artwork. Jurors for the 2016-2017 exhibit were:

**David Schmitz** currently serves as executive director of the Dubuque Museum of Art. Nationally, Schmitz has been recognized by and served as a scholarship review panelist for Americans for the Arts and has served as an alumni resident advisor for the National Young Arts Foundation.

**Gail Simpson** is a sculptor and public artist who works on projects individually and as part of Actual Size Artworks, a collaborative team. She also teaches at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her public art projects can be seen in Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, Kansas, North Carolina, Illinois and other locations nationally. She has also exhibited temporary projects around the United States and Europe.

**Leah Kolb** is associate curator at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Recent curatorial projects include “Claire Stigliani: Half-Sick of Shadows” (May, 2016). She is part of Plum Blossom Initiative, a collaborative endeavor aimed at providing emerging, Wisconsin-based artists with opportunities to professionally present their work and develop institutional recognition.

The current 2015-2016 Art on the River Exhibit, consisting of 10 works of sculpture, will remain exhibited until the opening of the new exhibition on June 22. All 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/2119/Art-on-the-River-2015](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/2119/Art-on-the-River-2015). For additional information, please contact Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator Debra Alleyne at [dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org) or call 563-690-6059.

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