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2016 Art on the River Opening Reception Announced

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque, Iowa, will celebrate its 11th annual Art on the River exhibition this year. This year, Art on the River will feature the local masterpiece, *Continuum*, in addition to the ten spectacular works of art selected to be installed at the Grand River Center and along the Mississippi Riverwalk at the Port of Dubuque.

On Art on the River's steel anniversary, this legendary, 14-foot steel sculpture will be installed at the Grand River Center. It is the first of what is planned to be the annual inclusion of grand feature pieces to this exhibit.

The opening reception is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, at 5:00 p.m. at the Grand River Center and a newly included youth reception and tour for supervised minors will take place from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The reception will include the opportunity to meet the artists and jurors and be present for the announcement of the winners of "Best in Show" and "People's Choice" awards from the 2016-2017 show.

The event is free and open to the public and will include guest speaker David M. Hayes, live entertainment featuring sculptor Becca Kacanda, the musical stylings of River Glen, heavy appetizers, and a cash bar.

For additional information, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver, follow Art on the River on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArtsandCultureDBQ, or contact City of Dubuque Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator Debra Alleyne at 563-690-6059 or dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org.

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