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Sculpture Entries Sought for Art on the River Public Art Program

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque, Iowa, is soliciting submissions from qualified artists for the 2017–2018 Art on the River public art program displaying works of sculpture throughout the Port of Dubuque.

Nine sculptural works will be selected for the 12th year of Art on the River, to be displayed at the Port of Dubuque from June 2017 to June 2018. Applications are free, available exclusively online at www.cityofdubuque.org/AOTRApply, and are due by midnight CST on Monday, March 6.

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 and a volunteer committee made up of artists, educators, and city staff, the City 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 Waterpark, Diamond Jo Casino, historic Dubuque Star Brewery, Dubuque Shot Tower, and the Port of Dubuque Marina.

A panel of three credentialed jurors reviews the artist applications and makes a recommendation to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission and the City Council upon the selection of the artwork.

The current 2016–2017 Art on the River exhibit, consisting of nine works of sculpture and featured selection, “Continuum,” will remain open to public viewing through May 30, 2017. Descriptions of exhibited works and extras recorded by the artists are included in the mobile audio guide app, Otocast. This app is free and can be downloaded from Google Play and the Apple App store. Residents and visitors can still vote for their favorite piece in the 2016-2017 exhibit by visiting www.cityofdubuque.org/AOTRvote and clicking on the River 2016 link.

All sculptures are for sale and can be installed in both indoor and outdoor areas. For additional information, please contact Debra Alleyne at artontheriver@cityofdubuque.org or

563-690-6059. The exhibit is free, can be viewed sunrise to sunset year-round, and is accessible. More information is available at www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver.