

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Youth Reception and Tour Added to Art on the River

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque will celebrate its twelfth annual Art on the River exhibition with an opening reception at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, at the Grand River Center. A new youth reception and tour for young people and supervised children will precede this event at 3:30 p.m. the same day, also at the Grand River Center.

The Art on the River Youth Reception and Tour was developed for under age 18 art enthusiasts and focuses on young talent. The event will feature music by young, local performers covering a variety of genres -- from hip-hop and R&B, to classical music.

The youth reception performer lineup includes:

- Savoie, a local R&B musician whose describes his music as “packed with realism” about his life and environment;
- Abby Beacom, a soulful singer who attends Clarke University;
- Lyric, a home-grown, hip-hop lyricist who enjoys having fun with his sound; and
- The Formation, a dynamic youth quartet that can rock a variety of genres.

The youth reception will also feature the Torch Interpretative Projectors interactive arcade game “Tanked!”

All performers for both receptions are 18 or younger. River Breitbach, well-known local performer and past musical guest at Art on the River, says, “It is important for talent to meet opportunity. These are all home-grown musicians and they all rep Dubuque in

their music. People will be delightfully surprised that this quality of talent was here all along.”

All attendees of the 3:30 youth event and 5:00 public event will have the opportunity to go on a guided tour of the artwork. Otocast, a free mobile device app, can be downloaded any time for an Art on the River audio guide to all 11 new works of art.

The 5:00 reception will include the opportunity to meet the artists and jurors and the announcement of the winners of the “Best in Show” and “People’s Choice” awards from the 2017-2018 show. The event is free and open to the public with appetizers served and a cash bar.

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

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