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WINTER ARTS - 2021 Snow Sculpting Competition Call for Entry

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The Dubuque Museum of Art, in partnership with the City of Dubuque and Winterfun, Inc., announces a call for entries for the WINTER ARTS – 2021 Snow Sculpting Competition February 8–13, 2021 in Washington Park in Downtown Dubuque. Teams from the state of Iowa are invited to compete. All Iowa teams will be competing for the State of Iowa title and an invitation to the 2022 U.S. National Snow Sculpting Competition in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. In addition to the state competition there will be a community snow sculpting portion of the event that offers the public an opportunity to sculpt a block of snow.

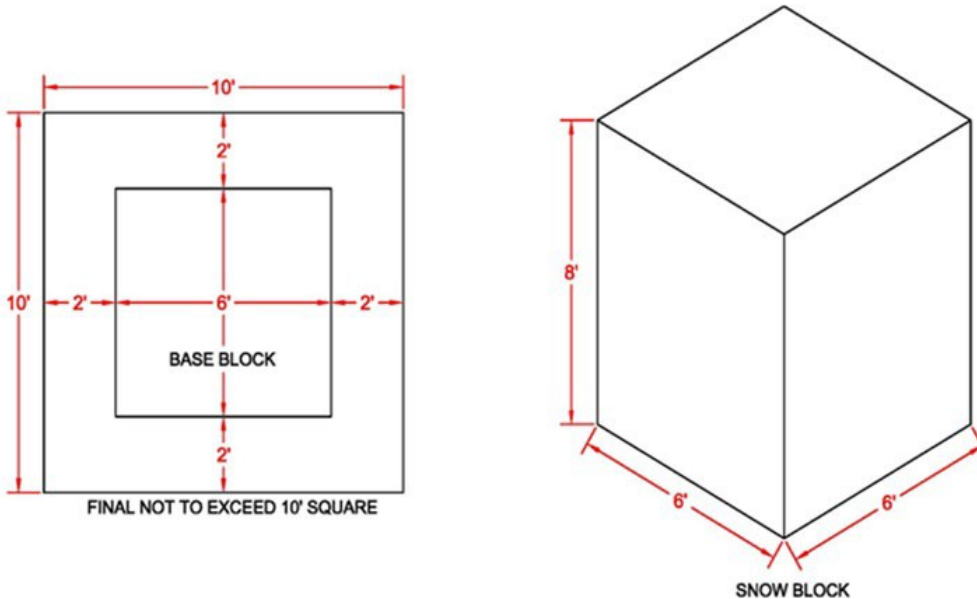
General Info for Sculptors

Participants: Each team shall consist of up to three members, 18 years and older. A team must have three state resident members maximum, two state resident members are acceptable. In the event a two-member team wins, qualifying the team to participate in the National Competition, a third member must be added. If a third in-state member is not achievable, an out-of-state member will be accepted with approval of state and/or national event organizers. Amateurs/professionals are eligible; sculptors can only participate on one team. There is no entry fee.

Proof of residency in the form of a photocopy of a driver's license or state ID must accompany application.

Snow Sculpting Rules: Teams will begin carving on Wednesday, February 10, and will have until noon on Saturday, February 13 to complete their sculpture. No media other than snow, ice and water may be used; colorants may not be added. No armatures are allowed. Sculptors must provide their own tools including buckets, ladders and scaffolding. No power tools are permitted. Sculptures have to be fully finished on all sides by noon on Saturday, February 13.

Snow Blocks: Each team is assigned (by lottery) a cube of manufactured and packed snow, 6 feet wide and deep by 8 feet tall in the Washington Park sculpting site in Dubuque, Iowa. Finished pieces may not expand beyond 10 feet in diameter, top to bottom. Height is unlimited. The condition of the snow cannot be guaranteed. In cast of significant inclement weather, the competition may be canceled.



Subject Matter: Artists have the liberty of creating representations of realistic or imaginary subject matter. Because the sculptures will be located in public space the content must be appropriate for all ages. Sculptures must be an original design and NOT previously executed by the Team prior to the competition. No trademarks or logos allowed.

Judging Criteria

The designated judges will rank the sculptures and winners will be determined based on these recommended criteria:

CREATIVITY: Originality of expression, composition, design and aesthetics (50%)

TECHNIQUE: Utilization of materials, excellence in execution and presentation (50%)

Awards

-State of Iowa Champion - First place will represent Iowa in US National Snow Sculpting Contest 2022, *eligible to Iowa teams only

-People's Choice Award – Determined by public voting from 12:00 to 3:30 pm on Saturday, February 13th. This award will be presented at the awards ceremony at 3:45 pm.

Jury Process

The Dubuque Museum of Art WINTER ARTS - 2021 Snow Sculpting Competition is a juried event to ensure sculptures are the best quality possible for the viewing public, and that sponsor's finite resources are best utilized (**blocks are limited**).

Accommodations

Accommodations will be provided for each three-person team whose team members reside more than 1 hour away from Dubuque city limits, Wednesday night, February 10 through Friday night, February 12. Lodging needs must be arranged in advance with the Dubuque Museum of Art.

Meals

Lunch will be provided to each team and all team members Wednesday, February 10 through Friday, February 12. All other meals are the responsibility of the team and its members during competition.

Pandemic Safety Protocols

In order to provide members, visitors, and staff with the safest possible environment, the Dubuque Museum of Art has increased the frequency of cleaning and sanitizing of our facility. The Glab Family Art Studio and Classroom is closed until further notice.

All visitors entering the building will be required to wear a face mask and sanitize their hands. Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the front desk and throughout the museum.

We encourage all patrons to keep a distance of at least 6 ft. from fellow visitors and our staff during their visit and to follow the directional cues throughout the museum.

We plan to apply the same safety protocols outdoors during the event and will also adhere to all guidelines set by the City of Dubuque.

Entry Process

Required: Complete application found at dbqart.org/winterarts2021 and include 3-conceptual illustrations of intended work. Illustrations should convey details and measurements of the proposed sculpture; each illustration / image should illustrate a different perspective (front, side, and rear).

Illustrations must be a minimum size of 5" x 5" and done in ink. Avoid shading or coloring. Pencil sketches will not be accepted and illustrations/images will not be returned. Images of a 3D model can also be submitted.

To submit by e-mail, scan and save illustrations at 300 DPI or higher in JPG, PNG or PDF format. 3D model images should be submitted in the same format.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be received by 5:00 pm on **Monday, January 4, 2021** via email at kschroeder@dbqart.org or the following mailing address:

WINTER ARTS – Snow Sculpting Competition
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The Dubuque Museum of Art is not responsible for lost entries. Team Captains will be notified of acceptance status on or before **January 8, 2021** by email.

Questions:

Contact Kay Schroeder at 563-599-9436 or kschroeder@dbqart.org