2022-2023 Exhibit // Artist Statements

1. **BE KIND**
   Joe and Terry Malesky of New Adventure Sculptures - Strafford, MO
   Purchase price: $12,000
   What bridges a gap better than being kind? Kindness is a powerful gesture that grows friendships, communities, and love. This sculpture represents the act of sharing, giving, and gifting. The artists create and share their art in hopes of bringing joy to those who experience their sculptures.

2. **Bell Bridge**
   Evan Lewis - Mineral Point, WI
   Purchase price: $40,000
   Conceived in response to Art on the River’s theme, “Crossing Bridges,” this sculpture’s wind-activated kinetic features ring bells hanging just below. Experience a pavilion of motion and music, drawing people together in a sense of wonder and repose.

3. **The Other Extreme**
   Tim Adams - Webster City, IA
   Purchase price: $7,000
   An assemblage of opposites emphasizes and draws attention to difference. Differences may cause unease at first, but by bridging our differences we come together to make the world and our communities vibrant and healthy.

4. **Open Arms**
   Tim Adams - Webster City, IA
   Purchase price: $7,000
   Curved abstract figures in two sizes are positioned to show flow and openness. Like the waters of the Mississippi River, flow and openness implies an ability to change and adapt to circumstances with resiliency. The sculpture’s calm, quiet, and agile qualities meet each day to take on new challenges, waiting for the viewer to discover.

5. **Building Human Bridges**
   Skip Willits - Camanche, IA
   Purchase price: $3,000
   The welded steel sculpture depicts a winged figure flying over barriers to a more peaceful and verdant world where economic growth and community prosperity is an everyday occurrence.

6. **Opportunity Arcs**
   Matt Moyer - Columbia, MO
   Purchase price: $6,200
   Part of the series “Opportunity Doors,” the work is based on the idea that the best opportunities can arise through bad or less than ideal circumstances. Patience, resiliency and fortitude through difficult times can result in personal growth and new outlooks on life.

7. **Low-Poly Open Heart**
   Matthew Duffy - Washington, D.C.
   Purchase price: $25,000
   Inspired by the artist missing his traveling wife. Crossing divides created by physical absence and space is a hard thing, much like love, which although a soft sentiment, takes strength, vulnerability, and toughness.

8. ** Stranger Reduction Zone**
   Timothy Flood - Denver, CO
   Purchase price: $8,000
   Constructed of familiar pedestrian crosswalk hardware, the sculpture pulls viewers into an interactive experience that encourages new relationships and overcomes the apprehension that comes with considering someone to be a stranger. The crosswalk button contains instructions and, when pressed, plays a basic greeting in one of 13 different languages.

9. **We Are the Bridge**
   Dan Aldeman - Dubuque, IA
   Purchase price: $7,000
   Rounded pieces of copper clearly divided but connected by individual copper hands that bridge the gap across the sculptural forms will be accentuated by the light and movement of the sun and the moon as they travel through the sky. In considering how experiencing the sculpture will change for the viewer based on the time of the day, the artist intends to inspire reflection on and appreciation of our presence at that moment.

10. **Dance Diversity**
    Gail Chavenelle with Alanda Gregory, Yara Lopez, and Hieyler Talley - Dubuque, IA
   Purchase price: $4,000 each, $8,500 for all three
   Local BIPOC creatives, Alanda Gregory, Yara Lopez and Hieyler Talley, joined local sculptor Gail Chavenelle to conceive and design Dance Diversity, forming a 4-woman team that collaborated during the COVID-19 pandemic to create a joyful work that expresses multiple cultures and voices. The colorful grouping of figurative elements, and the process involved in creating them, speaks to beauty that grows from cultivating new relationships and coming together to celebrate and acknowledge our differences.

11. **Flowing Connections**
    Matt Moyer - Columbia, MO
   Purchase price: $6,200
   Flowing Connection explores a universal connectivity of people to one another, people to the land, and the sometimes the manmade structures, such as bridges, that connect both together. The bare metal parts imply bridge forms while simultaneously connecting to the flow of the Mississippi River. The colored arches formed from metal rod of different shapes and heights, symbolize a community made of people of all shapes, sizes, and colors that share a common ground.

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