



Midwest Sculpture Initiative
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CALL FOR ENTRIES DEADLINE FOR ENTRY FEBRUARY 28TH, 2010

The **Midwest Sculpture Initiative** is proud to be organizing **ten outdoor sculpture exhibits** for 2010-11. All exhibits feature the following benefits to the exhibiting sculptor:

- stipends of \$300., \$400., and \$500.;
- high visibility sites;
- a year long coordinated media promotions;
- docent guided tours of the exhibit;
- exhibits posted on the MSI website (www.msisculpture.com) with links to and from the host websites;
- concrete pads and installation services;
- strongly encouraged sales;
- and MSI, with the 'host', will provide liability insurance (artist supplies damage and loss insurance).
- All exhibits begin approximately May 1st, 2010 and conclude April 15th, 2011

THE EXHIBITS

1. **5th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** at the **University of Toledo**. This campus wide exhibit exposes the artwork to 25,000 + students, faculty, staff and visitors over the year long exhibit. The University of Toledo would like this exhibit to grow in scope and size, therefore, some sculptors may be asked to exhibit their piece for two years with an additional stipend being paid. ***Stipend: \$300.***
2. **5th Annual Sculpture on Ford Road** in Canton, Michigan which is an upscale rapidly developing western suburb of Detroit that is focused on involving the arts into the everyday life of its citizens. This year-long exhibition is sponsored by the **Canton Downtown Development Authority** with assistance from the **Canton Public Art Committee**. The exhibition will be comprised of nine or ten sculptures along a three-mile stretch of Ford Road between Canton Center and Lotz. Currently, 42,000 vehicles a day travel this site. This community wide exhibit exposes the artwork to the residents and the hundreds of thousands of annual visitors to Canton, Michigan. ***Stipend: \$500.***
3. **3rd Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** at the **Ella Sharp Museum of Art & History** in Jackson, Michigan. The museum is located in spacious, well-landscaped Ella Sharp Park that enjoys thousands of weekly visitors. ***Stipend: \$300.***
4. **3rd Annual Art Trail Tecumseh** The City of Tecumseh, Michigan, is a vibrant community, located 25 miles southwest of Ann Arbor, Michigan and 45 miles northwest of Toledo, Ohio. Tecumseh is home to just over 8,700 residents. Noted as one of the first three original settlements in Michigan, Tecumseh is proud of its past. This is clearly evident in the historic downtown district. An interesting mix of specialty shops and dining options fill the buildings that have stood watch over Chicago Boulevard for

over 150 years. Historic downtown Tecumseh provides an ideal setting for a public art program.
Stipend: \$500./\$300. People's Choice Award offered!

5. **2nd Annual City of Jackson Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** was encouraged by the success of their six year **Riverwalk Project** and the success of the **Ella Sharp Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit** and wishes to expand further into the downtown business district and parks. **Stipend: \$500. Purchase Award(s) available!**

6. **2nd Annual Meridian Township Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit** Meridian Township is ten miles east of Michigan's State Capital (Lansing) and is immediately adjacent to Michigan State University. It is approximately 32 square miles in size. The Township has a population of 39,116, and is home to many hard working and well-educated individuals & families. There is a strong sense of community involvement with the residents contributing to keep this an extremely vibrant place to live and work. Recently, through a survey performed by the Meridian Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Township officials learned that citizens and business owners favored more projects and activities that were art related. **Stipend: \$500.**

7. **2nd Annual City of Dearborn Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** that will be held at the **Ford Community & Performing Arts Center** and funded by the **Dearborn Community Fund (DCF)**. The project dovetails well with the DCF's mission statement "... in support of recreational and cultural enrichments projects for citizens of the City..." Dearborn is home to 100,000 residents with different backgrounds who enjoy the opportunity to live, work and celebrate in harmony. Dearborn has been designated a "Cool City" by the State of Michigan and gives the feeling of a small town with all the amenities of "big city" living. As with all MSI exhibition a stipend will be provided. **Stipend: \$500.**

8. **City of Novi Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** The City of Novi, ranked #48 in Money magazine's Top 100 Best Places to Live in 2008 is called home to more than 52,270 residents and is one of Michigan's fastest growing cities. Novi covers an area of 31.1 square miles and with many parks and open spaces focusing on the preservation of natural features. The City of Novi continues to provide high quality recreational and cultural programs and community events for all ages. **Stipend \$500.**

9. **City of Hastings Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** Hastings is a vivid example of a community that works to provide a quality of life for all citizens and for this Hastings is rated as one of the best small town towns in America by Norman Crampton in his book "The Best Small Towns in America". **Stipend \$500.**

10. **3rd Annual Main Street Lancaster Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit** **Main Street Lancaster** (Ohio) realizes business life in the 21st century encompasses more than just financial transactions. We believe that community development is synonymous with economic growth. With this in mind, **Main Street Lancaster** has partnered with MSI for a second year in an effort to add a touch of flair and vitality to the downtown area. **Stipend: \$400.** (transportation of artwork provided by MSI)

WHAT TO SUBMIT (AS MANY PIECES AS YOU WANT!)

- Work durable enough to withstanding the harsh Michigan/Ohio winters and suitable for public viewing;
- completed entry form;
- j-peg digital images on a CD including: 1 or 2 views of each work, filenames must include: corresponding number to the image list, artist's last name, title (**03_Rodin_Thinker**). Images must be at least 72 dpi and no more than 1200 pixels in any direction;
 - image list including image number, artist name, title, material(s), dimensions in feet, weight, retail price; (40% commission charged on sales) and installation requirements;
 - current professional resume;
 - one paragraph artist statement (unless you're Irish and/or an English major);
 - resume, statement, and image list must be in hardcopy format.

Submission tip: Do not be afraid to re-submit pieces that may not have been accepted in previous years or that have been in previous MSI exhibits (example: just because it was in Canton last year doesn't mean it can't go to Toledo this year! Also, remember: *jurors are fickle!*)

Note: *We can relocate your work from show to show, for a fee of course. Call for more information.*

SUBMISSIONS SNAIL MAILED TO:

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All Calls for Entries and previous Midwest Sculpture Initiative exhibits can be seen at www.msisculpture.com

MIDWEST SCULPTURE INITIATIVE ANNUAL ENTRY FORM (please print)

You need to only complete one entry form. It will cover all exhibits for 2010-11!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____ -- _____ CELL#: _____ -- _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please check only the exhibits that you wish to have your work presented for jury or simply check "ENTER ME IN ALL"

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City of Novi Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Novi, Michigan

City of Hastings Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Hastings, Michigan

Main Street Lancaster Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Lancaster, Ohio

Oh hell! Just **ENTER ME IN ALL** the MSI Exhibits!!!

JURY RESULTS WILL BE MAILED BY MARCH 31, 2010

Your opinion please!

For next year's exhibits, we're considering using an 'online service' for collecting entries for these exhibits, would you prefer that over the current method?

Yes No Comments?