



Midwest Sculpture Initiative
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CALL FOR ENTRIES DEADLINE FOR ENTRY FEBRUARY 28TH, 2012

The **Midwest Sculpture Initiative** is proud to be organizing **16 outdoor sculpture exhibits** for 2012-13. All exhibits feature the following benefits to the exhibiting sculptor:

- stipends of mostly \$500. and a few at \$400. (paid to sculptor at time of installation);
- high visibility sites;
- a year long coordinated media promotions;
- most venues offering guided tours;
- 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 (MSI has proven year after year that it can sell sculpture, ask the many happy sculptors);
- and MSI, with the 'host', will provide liability insurance (sculptor supplies damage and loss insurance).
- **All exhibits begin approximately May 1st, 2012 and conclude April 15th, 2013**

THE EXHIBITS

1. **9th Annual Ottawa Hills Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit** The Village of Ottawa Hills (Ohio) is a unique residential community that embodies the essence of a family-oriented lifestyle. It's a place with both traditional and contemporary homes that exude character and charm in a beautiful natural setting. Established in 1915, the Village of Ottawa Hills features tree-lined streets, a meandering creek, abundant wildlife and lush greenery, creating a sense of serenity unmatched in the area. At the same time, it is just a few minutes away from the University of Toledo, shopping centers and essential services. Certainly the natural beauty of the area is a major draw for both visitors and residents, but it is the strength of the community that is perhaps its most important asset. ***Stipend: \$400.***
2. **7th 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 ten sculptures along a three-mile stretch of Ford Road. 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. **7th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** (Ohio) 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 has an active sculpture purchase program and a desire to grow the exhibit in scope and scale, therefore, some sculptors may be asked to exhibit their piece for two years with an additional stipend being paid. ***Stipend: \$400***
4. **5th 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 and enjoys thousands of visitors weekly. ***Stipend: \$400.***
5. **5th Annual Main Street Lancaster Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit** **Main Street Lancaster** (Ohio) realizes business life in the 21st century encompasses more than just financial transactions. Lancaster believes that community development is synonymous with economic growth. With this in mind, **Main Street Lancaster** has partnered with MSI for a fifth year in the continuing effort to add flair and vitality to the downtown area. ***Stipend: \$500.*** (transportation of artwork provided by MSI)

6. **5th 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 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.**
7. **4th 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. A recent survey indicated that citizens and business owners favored more projects and activities that were art related. **Stipend: \$500.**
8. **4th Annual City of Dearborn Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** will be held at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center and satellite sites in east and west Dearborn. Funded by the Dearborn Community Fund (DCF) and the East and West Dearborn Downtown Development Authorities, the project dovetails well with their mission statement "... in support of recreational and cultural enrichment projects for our citizens..." Dearborn is home to 100,000 residents with different backgrounds who enjoy the opportunity to live, work and celebrate in harmony and has been designated a "Cool City" by the State. Dearborn possesses the feeling of a small town with all the amenities of "big city" living. **Stipend: \$500.**
9. **3rd Annual City of Hastings Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** Hastings (Michigan) is a vivid example of a community that works to provide a quality of life for all citizens. Hastings has been rated as one of the "best" in the book "The Best Small Towns in America" by Norman Crampton. **Stipend \$500.**
10. **2nd Annual City of Westerville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit** For nearly 200 years, the city of Westerville (Ohio) has maintained a rich tradition of family-friendliness and quality of life while maintaining the its vision to be "A City within a Park". Westerville, Columbus' largest suburb, has a population of approximately 37,500. Westerville boasts a restored "Uptown" historic district with charming Victorian storefronts, numerous community events, festivals and a symphony. Featuring a community recreation center and 26 miles of leisure paths, Westerville offers unmatched services, programs and opportunities to our residents and businesses. **Stipend: \$500.** (transportation of artwork provided by MSI for sculptors living in Ohio or Michigan)
11. **City of Adrian Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** The City of Adrian (Michigan) is home to Adrian College, Siena Heights University, a Jackson Community College satellite campus, the historic Crowell Opera House and the longest running county fair in Michigan. Downtown Adrian features unique shops full of charms and treasures accentuated by historic architectural beauty. **Stipend: \$500.**
12. **City of East Lansing Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** East Lansing (Michigan) is well known as the home of Michigan State University and for its nationally renowned community events, eclectic downtown, plentiful outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities and more. Whether taking a stroll on the Northern Tier Trail, watching a Spartan football game or catching up on some shopping, there is plenty to see and do while visiting East Lansing. **Stipend: \$500.**
13. **Kochville Township Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** Kochville Township (Michigan) is located approximately three miles north of Saginaw. Kochville Township's residents pride themselves in the community's character...rural, yet convenient. They enjoy the wide-open spaces and the easy access to shopping, state-of-the-art medical centers and the accredited educational institutions of Saginaw Valley State University, Davenport University and Northwood University. **Stipend: \$500.**
14. **City of Caseville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** The city of Caseville(Michigan) is located in the heart of Michigan's Thumb region on scenic Saginaw Bay. While the interior of the region is dominated with Michigan's thriving agricultural industry, the shoreline highlights some of the most lovely beaches and sunsets in the state. Settled in the mid-nineteenth century by a handful of lumberman, hunters and farmers, the residents of Caseville still recognize the value of hard work and have grown to appreciate the value of playing hard too. Known as "the closer Up-North", Caseville is home to the world famous "Cheeseburger in Caseville", a ten day festival in Mid-August that celebrates the spirit of the beach lifestyle by paying homage

to Jimmy Buffett. Over 100,000 people visit this tiny hamlet during the festival. Caseville also boasts fantastic fishing and access to the most beautiful water, beaches and views within the state. **Stipend: \$500.**

15. **City of South Lyon Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** (Michigan) The City of South Lyon is located near the crossroads of Interstate 96 and US 23, in the southwest corner of Oakland County, Michigan. The center of the business district is at Ten Mile Road and Pontiac Trail, known as Lake Street and Lafayette Street within the City. At just 3.5 square miles in size, the City offers small town living, with the convenience of nearby interstate highways, major metropolitan areas and international airports. Originally established as an agricultural center built around two railroads and incorporated as a city in 1930, South Lyon is becoming a center for manufacturing, with 70 acres of light industrial properties located within the city limits. South Lyon's utility systems service residents and businesses, an important feature unavailable in surrounding areas. Known for its historic and charming downtown, annual festivals, top-notch parks and excellent schools, the City of South Lyon offers an unparalleled quality of life. **Stipend: \$500.**

16. **City of Valparaiso Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** The city of Valparaiso (Indiana) is located 15 minutes south of Lake Michigan and 65 minutes east of Chicago's Loop. Charming and full of character, Valparaiso is a family focused, volunteer oriented and pedestrian friendly community offering a variety of recreational activities from youth basketball camps to triathlons. Valparaiso features 15 lush parks, a historic downtown, award-winning theatres, dynamic museums, welcoming churches and housing suited to fit any budget. The variety of cultural, economic, geographic and educational resources that include nationally acclaimed Valparaiso University and the Valparaiso Community School System combine to provide a progressive atmosphere rich in opportunity. Valparaiso's Redevelopment Commission is initiating a public arts program to help energize community development. **Stipend: \$500.**

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

- Work durable enough to withstanding the harsh Michigan/Ohio/Indiana 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, artist 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!*)

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

Note: We can relocate your work from show to show, for a fee of course. Call 517-486-4591 for more information.

MIDWEST SCULPTURE INITIATIVE ANNUAL ENTRY FORM (please print)

You need to only complete one entry form. It will cover all exhibits for 2012-13!

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"

____ 9th Annual Ottawa Hills Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Ottawa Hills, Ohio

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____ 4th Annual Meridian Township Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit in Meridian Township, Michigan

____ 4th Annual City of Dearborn Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Dearborn, Michigan

____ 3rd Annual City of Hastings Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Hastings, Michigan

____ 2nd Annual Westerville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Westerville, Ohio

____ City of Adrian Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Adrian, Michigan **NEW**

____ Kochville Township Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Kochville, Michigan **NEW**

____ East Lansing Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in East Lansing, Michigan **NEW**

____ City of Caseville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Caseville, Michigan **NEW**

____ City of South Lyon Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in East Lansing, Michigan **NEW**

____ City of Valparaiso Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Valparaiso, Indiana **NEW**

____ Oh hell, I give up! Just ENTER ME IN ALL the MSI Exhibits!!!

By signing this entry form, I promise to deliver my selected work(s) or make arrangements to have my selected work(s) delivered to the exhibit at the appointed time. I realize that the stipend paid is for the purpose of off-setting my delivery expenses and that there will be no additional transportation expenses paid.

Your signature _____ Date _____

JURY RESULTS WILL BE e-MAILED BY MARCH 31, 2012