



Midwest Sculpture Initiative
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CALL FOR ENTRIES DEADLINE FOR ENTRY FEBRUARY 28TH, 2014

The **Midwest Sculpture Initiative** is proud to be organizing **thirteen outdoor sculpture exhibits** for 2014-15. All exhibits feature the following benefits to the exhibiting sculptor:

- stipends of \$750. and \$650. (paid to sculptor at time of installation);
- high visibility sites;
- year-long coordinated media promotions;
- most venues offer 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, 2014 and conclude April 15th, 2015**

THE EXHIBITS

1. **9th Annual Sculpture on Ford Road** in Canton (Michigan) 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 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: \$750.**
2. **9th 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: \$650.**
3. **7th 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. "The Ella" opened on October 3, 1965. With its 50th anniversary approaching the Museum is still meeting the challenge of bringing the visual arts and the area's history to visitors through exhibits, community festivals and outreach programs. "The Ella" is on the National Register of Historic Places, listed as a State of Michigan Landmark and accredited by the American Association of Museums. **Stipend: \$650.**
4. **7th 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 sculpture program. **Stipend: \$750.**
5. **6th 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 (Michigan) 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: \$750.**

6. **5th 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. Hastings is a community that actively supports public art as exhibited by their rapidly growing permanent collection. **Stipend \$750.**
7. **4th Annual City of Westerville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** For nearly 200 years, the city of Westerville (Ohio) has maintained a rich tradition of family-friendliness and quality of life, while maintaining 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: \$750.** (artwork must be delivered to Blissfield, MI for free transport to site)
8. **3rd Annual 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 Croswell 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: \$750.**
9. **3rd Annual 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: \$750.**
10. **3rd Annual 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: \$750.**
11. **2nd Annual Fenton Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** The City of Fenton (Michigan) is conveniently located in lower mid-Michigan with access to the U.S. 23 expressway giving easy access to Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing and Detroit within a hour drive. Since 1995, the City of Fenton has experienced a boom in both housing and business. With a trend in apartment and condominium living. The median age is 34 and the median income is \$55,637. The majority of Fenton residents earn their livings in the field of education, health, social services and manufacturing. **Stipend: \$750**
12. **Port Huron Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** The City of Port Huron (Michigan) stretching for seven miles along the shore of the St. Clair River and the base of Lake Huron, is an international border crossing marked by the spectacular Blue Water Bridge. Port Huron's stunning waterways and diverse annual events make it a year-round tourist destination. With its abundant attractions, high standard of living, and convenient location, Port Huron is a great place to live and work...or just visit. **Stipend: \$750**
13. **Belleville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** Belleville (Michigan) is an attractive community nestled on the peninsular shores of beautiful Belleville Lake, a picturesque setting with tree lined neighborhoods, enhanced by a traditional downtown and beautiful parks. Belleville also hosts a planned industrial park along the rail road corridor. Located in a growing Western Wayne County community, Belleville is minutes from the I-94 and the Belleville Road exit. **Stipend: \$750**

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

- Work durable enough to withstand the harsh Michigan/Ohio/Indiana winters and suitable for public viewing;
- completed entry form;
- JPEG 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's statement (unless you're Irish and/or an English major);
- resume, artist's statement, and image list must be in PDF format on the CD.

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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PLEASE NOTE: Total e-mail size must be under 10,000 kb or the NetZero server will reject it. Please follow all the instructions above and 'attach' JPEG photos and PDF files of printed materials. We will send a confirmation e-mail.

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 2013-14!

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

____ 3rd Annual Kochville Township Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Kochville, Michigan

____ 3rd Annual City of Valparaiso Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Valparaiso, Indiana

____ 2nd Annual Fenton Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Fenton, MI

____ Port Huron Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Port Huron, MI

____ Belleville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition in Belleville, MI

____ 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(s) at the appointed time(s). 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, 2014