

***Fire Arts, Inc is proud to announce a Call for Art for two spots left in the Outdoor Howard Park South Bend Sculpture Initiative Competition March 2017.***

*Fire Arts, Inc is seeking proposals for two outdoor sculptures to be displayed within the City of South Bend. This juried exhibition of selected artwork will be exhibited for a one year term, from May 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 – September 15, 2018. Open only to Indiana based Artists.*

*The goal of SBSI is to enhance the beauty of our South Bend parks and several private housing areas in the South Bend area.*

*The competition, called the South Bend Sculpture Initiative, is the first of its kind in the South Bend area, and is patterned after several other competitions in the U.S.A.*

*Public Art, in this case sculpture, is an important factor in the beautification and culture of our community.*

*With the continuation of South Bend sculpture competitions over the next ten years, our rich community could possibly join other cities, as a go-to destination where visitors and residents can take a look at new sculpture and experience our history and the talent that exists within our community.*

*Howard Park is the first area to display sculpture; two were installed October 2016, and these two will be installed May 2017, which will be displayed till 2018. The call for art will occur every two years. The ten year goal of the SBSI committee is to install sculpture in all 57 South Bend parks. The installation will occur just prior to the new city celebration called Best Week Ever, a week-long celebration planned to start Memorial Day and continue through June 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*Artwork will be juried by a panel of four judges, whose names will be announced soon. The sculptures chosen will be child safe, stand up to our harsh weather conditions and assist in the beautification of our community. The two artists selected to exhibit will each receive a \$1,000.00 honorarium. Open Only to Indiana Artists.*

*The competition will be co-marketed by Fire Arts, Inc, VPA, Downtown South Bend, regional newspapers, and additional regional promotion by [www.VisitSouthBend.com](http://www.VisitSouthBend.com).*

*Fire Arts, Inc is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the creation and appreciation of the three dimensional arts of sculpture, pottery, and jewelry. It offer exhibitions, workshops, student summer programs, lectures, demonstrations, tours, and community events centered around 3-D arts in South Bend, Indiana.*

***Please email [info@fireartsinc.com](mailto:info@fireartsinc.com) for an application.***

