

Fire Arts, Inc is proud to announce the first Outdoor South Bend Sculpture Initiative Competition October 2016.

Fire Arts, Inc is seeking proposals for outdoor sculptures to be displayed within the City of South Bend. This juried exhibition of selected artwork will be exhibited for a two year term, from October 2, 2016 – September 15, 2018.

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. It started as an idea six years ago after discussions with South Bend artists. Ralph Lampkin, Jr, President of the Board of Fire Arts, Inc joined forces with South Bend City Council member, Fred Ferlic to draft a plan of action and deliver their vision to the public. After a ten month period that dream is a reality. The budget for the competition is \$10,000; all monies were raised from private donations.

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 will be the first in our area to display four of these sculptures to be installed by October 2016 for a two year term, until 2018. The fifth sculpture will be displayed at the Triangle Park off of Eddy Street. 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.

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 five artists selected to exhibit will each receive a \$1,000.00 honorarium.

The competition will be co-marketed by Fire Arts, Inc, DownTown South Bend, regional newspapers, and additional regional promotion by 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 for an application.

Call for Art Rules:

Work Media: Outdoor sculpture. Since this is an outdoor family area, we ask that artwork submitted be public friendly.

Entry Requirements:

1. Resumé, including biography educational background and exhibition record.
2. Artist may submit up to two sculptures, with two images per sculpture. Images should be presented in JPEG format with 4" x 6" image size at 300 dpi approximately.
3. The selected artwork will be outdoors at Howard Park and also at Eddy Street triangular park. They should be made of material that will withstand our cold winters and hot summers.

Timeline: October 2016 – September 2018

Entries Due: September 6th, 2016

Selection Process: A four person jury will view the submissions.

Notification to artist: September 16th by email

Accepted artwork: Outdoor sculpture.

Delivery: September 28 or 29th, 2016. The artists selected will receive a \$1000.00 stipend on delivery of sculpture.

Reception: Sunday, October 9th, 2016 at Howard Park, South Bend

Exhibit or Event Ends: September 10, 2018

Pickup artwork by: September 15, 2018.

Publicity: Promotions will include brochures, press releases. Selected artwork to appear on various websites and print ads.

Contact: Ralph Lampkin, Jr; at Info@fireartsinc.com or call 1 - 574 - 282 - 2787.

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