

CHICAGO SCULPTURE INTERNATIONAL



CALL TO ARTISTS

The 2012-2013 *Chicago Park District / Chicago Sculpture International Outdoor Exhibition* is a juried public art exhibition that will enrich the community by bringing art into Chicago's parks while supporting professional artists. Approximately 60 professional 3-D artists will be invited to create and install sculptures at identified public outdoor sites near the downtown lakefront area. Sculptures will remain on display for one year beginning in September 2012. During that time, a tour map, poster, web presence and catalog will be created, distributed and available to the public.

Eligibility –

The Chicago Park District / Chicago Sculpture International Outdoor Exhibition is open to experienced professional sculptors that are members of Chicago Sculpture International, Mid-South Sculpture Alliance, and the Texas Sculptors Group. Artists must be experienced with the design, construction and installation of large-scale outdoor sculpture and must have a documented track record of this experience. Consideration will only be given to professional sculptors whose work has been or is currently on display in a public setting. All accepted artists must provide evidence of insurance coverage that complies with Chicago Park District requirements.

Criteria –

The work must:

- be made of materials that can withstand weather conditions including heat, cold, rain, snow and wind;
- be of the highest quality construction and appropriate in an urban setting;
- be original works of art created by the artist or fabricated under their direct supervision;
- demonstrate structural soundness, safety and stability for an unsupervised general audience;
- fit into a dense, urban setting. Medium and large-scale sculptures are requested.

Installation Sites –

Each piece will be assigned to an installation site by members of the jury based on size, shape and appropriateness for the location. Sites are located throughout the Lincoln Park, Grant Park and Burnham Park areas. CSI will assist with installations, including providing a crane for work requiring one.

Jury Process –

The jurors will be internationally renowned sculptor and 2009 International Sculpture Center Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Richard Hunt and Adam Schwerner, Director of Natural Resources for the Chicago Park District. They will make their selections after all submissions have been received. All artists who have been selected to participate will be contacted by phone and e-mail.

Application Process –

To be considered for the 2012-2013 **Chicago Park District/Chicago Sculpture International Outdoor Exhibition**, artists must submit by mail:

1. Completed entry form (included at the end of this RFQ)
2. Current resume (two-page limit)
3. One-paragraph biography
4. Artist statement
5. Three digital image views of a detailed to-scale maquette of the piece you intend to create for the project. Artists may substitute three digital image views of a previously completed piece (in lieu of a maquette) intended to be installed.
6. Five additional digital images of previous work.

All CDs must be labeled with the applicant's name and contact information (telephone number and e-mail address). Every image file must be titled first with the number of the image in order to be used, followed by the artist's last name (for example 1_Smith; 2_Smith). The first three images will be of the proposed sculpture. The numbers must correspond to an annotated image list with a total of eight images. Do not imbed images into a PowerPoint presentation. Acceptable images must be:

- Dimensions: Minimum 800 x 600; Maximum 1600 x 1200 pixels
 - File Format: JPG (do not use progressive JPG's, GIFs, or TIFFs) at 72 DPI
7. Annotated Image List: Please include the artist's name as a heading. A corresponding list of the numbered images, each with the title, date, medium, dimensions, and value or price will follow. Maquette image dimensions, medium and value should represent the intended full-scale version.

Entries must be received no later than April 2, 2012. There is no entry fee.

Send all materials to to: CPD/CSI Outdoor Exhibition c/o Fisher Stolz
2564 Centennial Drive
Washington, Illinois 61571

Application Form:
2012-2013 Chicago Park District/ Chicago Sculpture International Outdoor Exhibition

Please complete this form and include it with all the required application materials.

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address:

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell/Mobile (optional): _____

E-mail address: _____

Website (optional): _____

I understand and agree to all terms of this Call to Artists

Signature and Date: _____

Submittal Instructions and Requirements:

Deadline: Application materials must be received by **April 2, 2012.**

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Direct all questions to:

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