



WHITE RIVER STATE PARK

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Since 1999, White River State Park has sponsored an outdoor sculpture program that has proven to be very successful and popular with visitors.

We are now seeking entrants for the 2020 - 2023 Sculpture in the Park exhibition. We will be selecting up to two sculptures this year to join the other works on the Old Washington Street Bridge. Because of budget restraints we are staggering the removal of the pieces, so all the sculptures are not changed out at the same time. The length of time each piece is exhibited is 3 years. The White River State Park Commission will pay the artist a \$5000 honorarium. In addition, the Park will pay up to a **maximum of \$5000** to help offset the actual costs of transporting the sculpture to and from Indianapolis (as long as mileage and receipts are provided), as well as installation and removal of the piece from the Park.

- Sculptures will be displayed for three years beginning in April of 2020
- The honorarium is \$5,000 plus up to a **maximum of \$5,000** to help offset the costs of transportation, installation, and removal of the piece (**mileage and receipts must be submitted for reimbursement**)
- Entries must be postmarked (or preferably emailed) by Friday, December 20, 2019
- Winners will be notified by January 31, 2020.
- Sculptures must be delivered and installed in White River State Park by Friday, April 24, 2020.

Attached is additional information about the sculpture program. For additional information about the Park and the attractions located here, visit our website at www.WhiteRiverStatePark.org. Please take time to read the enclosed information and feel free to contact us if you have questions or want to know more about the sculpture program.

Sincerely,

Carolene Mays-Medley
Executive Director
White River State Park Development Commission

Public Sculpture Exhibition

White River State Park is pleased to announce that it will continue to support an outdoor public art program. The primary purpose of this exhibition is to enhance the artistic and cultural opportunities within the State and region. It is our hope that residents and visitors to Indiana's capital city will appreciate and become engaged in the visual dialogue of these contemporary sculptures. The program is open to any sculptor in Indiana or the Midwest. The Commission will pay up to a **maximum** of \$5000 to help with transporting the sculpture to and from Indianapolis (**mileage and receipts must be provided**) as well as installation and removal of the piece in the Park. In addition, the Park will pay an honorarium of \$5000.

The Park will continue to display at least six, large-scale exterior sculptures reflecting diversity of materials, approaches and content on the Old Washington Street Bridge (now a pedestrian walkway connecting venues on the east and west banks of the river) in White River State Park. **Rather than replace all of the sculptures every three years, we only change out one or two sculptures each year. Each work is displayed for three years. The work must be constructed of materials able to endure the conditions of an outdoor exhibition. The sculptures must be suitable for public display and not present safety issues.**

The Park is the only urban cultural state park in the country and is located in the heart of downtown Indianapolis. The New York Times has referred to the Park as “Indianapolis’ version of the Mall in Washington.” In addition to acres of green spaces, the Park is home to six major tourist attractions and an outdoor amphitheater. Over four million people visit the Park each year.

The Site

Sculptures will be located along the Old Washington Street Bridge, a pedestrian walkway that overlooks the White River, in the heart of downtown Indianapolis. Please visit our website, www.WhiteRiverStatePark.org (click on “Visit”, then “Art in the Park”) for examples of artwork that are currently featured. Artists will receive sign recognition near the sculpture.

Eligibility

Artists must be 18 years or older.

Budget

Each selected artist will be awarded a \$5,000 honorarium for his or her participation. In addition, the Park will pay up to a **maximum of \$5,000** in expenses to help transport the sculpture to and from Indianapolis (**mileage and receipts must be provided**) and the installation and removal of the piece in the Park. The Park will provide assistance for installation and dismantling. White River State Park **carries property/physical limited insurance on the sculptures only**; however, you must also insure the sculpture for any damage that may be incurred by weather or other acts of God.

Schedule

- Electronic images on a CD of pieces of art available for the exhibition must be postmarked or emailed to Lisa Pippin (mpippin@wrsp.in.gov) no later than Friday, December 20, 2019.
- Selected artists will be notified by January 31, 2020
- Installation of work must be completed by April 24, 2020
- Exhibition ends March 2023

Selection Process

The submissions will be screened by a committee of individuals who are recognized in the field of contemporary public art, as well as representatives from the White River State Park Commission and staff.

Application Procedure and Elements

- Electronic images taken from several different views, labeled with name, medium, dimensions, date
- Image annotation script
- Please only submit images of pieces available for the exhibition. If it is a work in progress, please submit sketch or drawing. The drawing should be specific as to the material and color to be used in the pieces. The work **must**, however, be completed and installed by April 24, 2020. The Park reserves the right to not accept sculptures that are not completed and installed by April 24, 2020.
- Resume
- Artist's vision and thoughts in creating the sculpture.
- Submissions will be returned if a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided.

Please send the requested information to:

mpippin@wrsp.in.gov

or

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