

# 7th Annual Oak Park Sculpture Walk

## Call for Artists

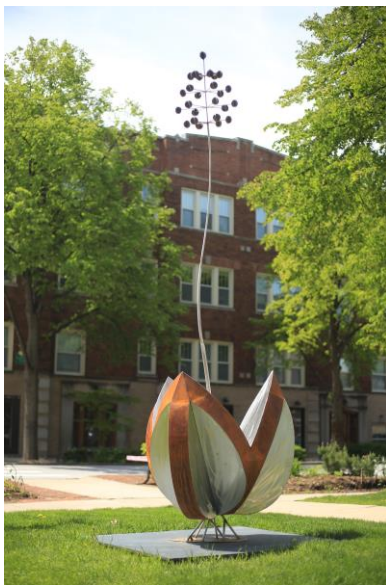
On behalf of the Village of Oak Park, the Oak Park Area Arts Council is seeking artists to temporarily display their work in the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Oak Park Sculpture Walk.

At least 12 sculptural or installation works will be part of the outdoor exhibit in the Southtown Business District on Oak Park Avenue.

At the conclusion of the event, the Village may consider the purchase of a piece for its permanent collection. The Village of Oak Park has purchased art work from winners of its previous sculpture walks.

Sculptures must remain in place for the duration of the exhibit – May 11 through September 4. All participating artists will receive an honorarium of \$2,000. The deadline for submission is March 30, 2018.

Otocast (a free phone app) will be used to encourage self-guided tours of the exhibit.



## Submission Criteria

- Concepts must be submitted by March 30, 2018
- Open to all artists 18 years and older
- Proposals for up to three (3) original sculptures may be submitted
- Artists must own the rights to their artwork
- Work must remain in the exhibit from May 11 through September 4, 2018
- Each work must meet standards of public safety and be of durable design and materials that will withstand the elements
- Selection of entries will be based on artistic merit and originality
- Please understand sculptures will most likely be placed near sidewalks in area of significant foot traffic

## Installation/Removal Guidelines

Selected artists will be responsible for delivering, installing and removing his/her work of art, working closely with the Oak Park Area Arts Council. *The village will not provide equipment such as cranes, boom trucks or generators, but can provide a list of local sources. The Village will provide a steel base, but the artist is required to attach his/her work to the base via tack welding.*

Installations will occur on dates listed below in the project timeline. Installation times must be coordinated in advance with the Oak Park Area Arts Council. A Village representative must be present for the installation.

Exhibiting artists must provide the Village of Oak Park with a certificate of liability insurance that is valid for the duration of the exhibition **before** installing sculptures. All sculptures must remain in place for the duration of the entire show!

### Project Timeline

- Call for Art: February 28
- Submittal Deadline: March 30
- Juried Selection: April 5
- Artist Notification: April 9
- Installation Dates: May 7-11
- Exhibition Opening Date: May 12
- Exhibition Close: September 4
- Artwork Removal: September 5-7

## **About the Sculpture Walk Site**

The Southtown Business District is an emerging hot spot along Oak Park Avenue between Lexington Street and Van Buren Street in Oak Park. Visitors enjoy shopping locally in this unique neighborhood filled with great stores and dining experiences waiting to be discovered.

## **About the Village of Oak Park**

The Village of Oak Park is known as a progressive, culturally rich community, convenient to Chicago, but with its own unique identity. Each year, more than 200,000 tourists come to Oak Park to explore our culturally rich and architecturally beautiful community.

Oak Park enjoys an international reputation as the home to the world's largest collection of homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and the Prairie School architects as well as Wright's Unity Temple and Home & Studio. Creative figures such as novelist Ernest Hemingway, dancer Doris Humphrey, and Tarzan creator Edgar Rice Burroughs also have called Oak Park home.

## Submission Procedure and Checklist

All entry proposals must be submitted **via email** and include the following:

- The completed application (see attached)
- Artist's resume
- Artist's statement
- 3 high res jpeg images of each work. Image specs: 1024 x 820 and minimum 72 dpi. Must include images of the front, back and a detail shot of the work of art.

*Artists are encouraged to also submit a CD with digital images of the artwork which clearly specifies the name and specs of each piece submitted.*

- A detailed description of each piece, **including dimensions and weight.**
- Both the **purchase price and the insured value** of the work of art.

### Contact Information:

All entries must be submitted via email to the following address:

opaacsculpturewalk@gmail.com

CDs can be mailed to:

Sculpture Walk 2018  
Oak Park Area Arts Council  
123 Madison St.  
Oak Park, IL 60302

