

RING OUT FOR ART JEFFERSON MATTERS: MAIN STREET

Jefferson Matters: Main Street, Tower View Team and Home State Bank of Jefferson Iowa, will have an inaugural exhibit of original outdoor sculptures that will be displayed on the Mahanay Bell Tower Plaza within the boundaries of an Award Winning Iowa Main Street District Community. Potential art will be placed along the four sides of the Greene County Courthouse grounds and Bell Tower plaza. The courthouse is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The downtown district has also been named a National Historic District. Every second week-end in June, the community hosts The Bell Tower Festival; Jefferson's population swells to more than 15,000 visitors during the two day event and will all find themselves on the square during the event. Jefferson is also home to Iowa's newest casino drawing hundreds of potential visitors to our downtown district on a monthly basis.

All sculptures are owned by the sculptors and loaned to the exhibit from May 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. During this time, sculptures may be purchased from price set by the artist; however, they may not be removed from public view until June 30, 2016. During the Bell Tower Festival the Public and the *Ring Out For Art* selection committee will vote for the top three (3) sculptures. Those sculptures awarded will be based on select criteria and artistic merit. These top three sculptures will be on loan to the city of Jefferson and Jefferson Matters: Main Street and will remain in place and on display for one year in the city of Jefferson from June 12, 2016 through May 1, 2017. Winning sculptures may be purchased during that time but not removed from public view during May 1, 2016 - May 1, 2017.

SCULPTURE PLACEMENT

Sculptures must fit within a 4'x 4' square. Transportation and installation of sculpture(s) will be the responsibility of the artist. The artist must configure a base that the sculpture will be securely fixed to. These will be located along the four sides of the Greene County Courthouse grounds and/or Bell Tower Plaza May 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017. If chosen as one of the top three will be on display until May 1, 2017 on the Bell Tower Plaza.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The *Ring Out For Art* selection Committee is comprised of visual artists and local business and community leaders. Entries will be critiqued on artistic merit, creativity, public safety and durability in an outdoor environment. The Committee will choose only six(6) of the proposed sculptures to display during the Bell Tower Festival - keeping the odds very favorable to the winning artist of a 1 in 6 chance for the top People's Choice Award.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Ring Out For Art is open to professional and amateur sculptors of all backgrounds. **The artist is required to incorporate some element of a BELL within the sculpture; however the element may be hidden and need not "stand out or ring."** Sculptors may submit up to five (5) of your own original sculptures. Entry fee (up to 5 entries) is \$25.00. All accepted entries must be eligible for public voting and the following subsequent awards: People's Choice Award of \$2,000 for first place, an award of \$1,000 for second place; or an award of \$500 for third place. Sculpture Replication Notice - *Ring Out For Art* will not accept sculpture entries identical to sculptures already placed or to be placed in other similar public sculpture programs within 100 miles of Jefferson. All sculptures need to be made of a durable material for the outdoor setting and constructed with safety in mind for display in a public setting. Incorporating recycled/upcycled materials is encouraged but not mandatory

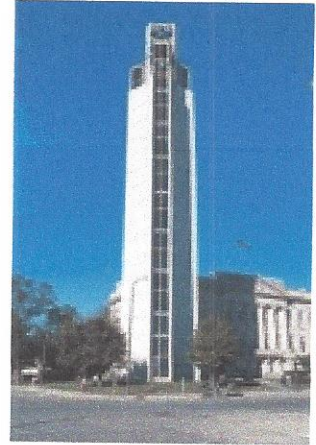
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION

- Two high quality color photos of scale model(s) of front and back of each sculpture entry
- If you provide a sketch of your sculpture it must be accompanied with a photo of one or two of your other original sculptures that show a good example of the quality of your work.
- Artist statement explaining the sculpture(s)
- Artist personal biography/resume
- Artist photo to be used in promotional material

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Return application with additional information by deadline to:
Jefferson Matters: Main Street
Ring Out For Art Competition
110 W. Lincoln Way
Jefferson, IA 50129

Direct Questions to:
Jefferson Matters: Main Street Tower View Team
Peg Raney, Jefferson Matters: Main Street Director
Phone: 515.386.3585
Email: director@jeffersonmatters.org



TIMELINE:

- February 29, 2016 Entry postmarked deadline
- March 15, 2016 Notification of selection committee results for top 6 entries
- May 1, 2016 Delivery of shipped-in sculptures (with appropriate base)
- May 15, 2016 Sculpture delivery and placement
- June 10 & 12, 2016 Bell Tower Festival voting for People's Choice Award, Second and Third Place commences
- June 13, 2016 Awards Announcement for People's Choice, Second and Third place
- June 30, 2016 Removal of non-winning sculptures
- May 1, 2017 Removal of winning 2016 sculptures

ENTRY FORM

After you complete the application form and sign and date the Release Provisions, print and mail with a check for \$25 (for up to 5 entries) to Jefferson Matters: Main Street, Ring Out For Art, 110 West Lincoln Way, Jefferson, Iowa 50129

Name: Address - Street - City - Zip _____

Phone- Email - Web page _____

Name - Height x Width x Depth _____ Weight _____ Material _____

Public Selling Price _____

Sculpture #1 _____

Sculpture #2 _____

Sculpture #3 _____

Sculpture #4 _____

Sculpture #5 _____

You can maintain the public selling price and participate in the People's Choice Award, 2nd place award and 3rd place award categories.

I am willing to loan my sculpture to the Jefferson Matters: Main Street program for a period of one year if I am awarded a cash prize that would be inclusive of transport, set up, tear down and any repair or retouch work needed during the duration of the loan.

Please circle Yes No

I will allow Jefferson Matters: Main Street, Tower View Team and Home State Bank to use image of winning sculpture(s) in any marketing, brochures and/or advertising campaigns. No sale for profit of the image will be allowed by Jefferson Matters: Main Street, Tower View Team or Home State Bank

Please circle. Yes No

Release and Indemnification Provisions

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that Jefferson Matters: Main Street reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all entries and to waive any or all formalities for this competition.

The undersigned represents and warrants that the undersigned owns the artwork being entered in this competition and hereby voluntarily assumes full responsibility for any risk of property damage or to any loss or damage to such artwork.

The undersigned hereby waives, discharges claims, and releases from liability Jefferson Matters: Main Street, City of Jefferson, and Greene County, and their respective officers, council members, board of supervisors, directors, employees, agents and volunteers on account of or in any way resulting from participation in this competition and any damage to any artwork entered in this competition.

The undersigned further hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Jefferson Matters: Main Street, City of Jefferson, and Greene County, and their respective officers, council members, board of supervisors, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused while a participant in the *Ring Out For Art* Main Street Art Competition.

The undersigned agrees that these waiver, release and indemnification provisions shall bind myself, my spouse, the members of my family, and my heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, and shall be deemed as an agreement to release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and indemnify the so-named people wholly or partly in charge.

Signature

Date

**JEFFERSON
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