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## 2021 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour Awards Announced

MANKATO, MN (November 10, 2021) — CityArt, a joint initiative of Twin Rivers Council for the Arts and the City Center Partnership, announced the 2021 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour Awards this evening at Greater Mankato Growth's Business Awards and Hall of Fame event.

This year's Best of Show honors go to People's Choice - Jefferson Davis's **Cover Up**; Best in Show Bronze - Kimber Fieberger's **No Time to Say Hello, Goodbye** and Best in Show Other Materials - Dale Lewis's **Straight to the Heart**. The Jurors' Purchase Award winning sculpture is **Fine Feathered Friends** by artists Gary and Tonnie Hovie & Jim Perrine.

The coveted Jurors' Purchase Award sculpture will be purchased by the CityArt and installed permanently in the City Center. Each year, the purchased sculpture is installed in either Mankato or North Mankato on an established rotating basis. This year's winner, **Fine Feathered Friends**, will be installed on Belgrade Avenue in North Mankato's City Center.

Founded in 2011, this year's exhibition marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour. As a part of this anniversary, CityArt honored 23 Legacy supporters—those sponsors and contributors who have underwritten the sculpture tour each year since its founding—at the GMG event. Founders Award recipients include: Sponsors - Bolton & Menk, Brennan Companies, Gislason & Hunter, Hilton Garden Inn, ISG, Mankato Clinic, Mayo Clinic Health System, MinnStar Bank, Neubau Holdings, North Mankato Port Authority, Orthopaedic & Fracture Clinic, Schwickert's Tecta America and US Bank; Financial Contributors - City of Mankato Economic Development Authority and City of North Mankato; In-Kind Contributors - City of Mankato, City of North Mankato, Gregg Andersen Photography, Jones Metal, Kato Moving and Storage, RW Carlstrom, The Free Press Media and Vetter Stone.

Plans are currently being made for the 2022 Walking Sculpture Tour. The 2022 installation will feature 30 sculptures from artists throughout the country and installation weekend is planned for May 21-22. The current 2021 exhibition of sculptures will be de-installed in April.

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### **About the CityArt and the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour**

CityArt is a joint program of the City Center Partnership and Twin Rivers Council for the Arts dedicated to bringing public art to the community, contributing greatly to the vibrancy of the City Center and the community as a whole. CityArt initiatives include the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour, CityArt On the Go, the Mankato Flood Wall Mural, the City Center Public Art Tour and the Silo Art Project.

The mission of the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour is to create a professional, year-round outdoor sculpture program in the City Centers of Mankato/North Mankato that is both high-quality and artist-friendly. For additional information and to view tour, visit [www.cityartmankato.com](http://www.cityartmankato.com)

### **About the City Center Partnership**

The City Center Partnership, a downtown development organization, is an affiliate of Greater Mankato Growth, Inc. which includes the chamber of commerce and economic development organization, Greater Mankato Growth and the local convention and visitor's bureau, Visit Mankato. For more information, visit [www.citycentermankato.com](http://www.citycentermankato.com)

### **About Twin Rivers Council for the Arts**

Twin Rivers Council for the Arts is a collaborative alliance of local arts and cultural organizations, individual artists, and community members who share a vision for the arts in Greater Mankato. Twin Rivers Council for the Arts serves as a unifying voice, advocating for and connecting arts groups to the community by providing services and shared resources to affiliate members throughout southern Minnesota. For more information, visit [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)