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### **CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour 2014**

#### ***32 new sculptures to be installed May 17***

MANKATO, Minn.— The CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour will be welcoming thirty-two new sculptures on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> into the City Centers of Mankato and North Mankato. The program will feature stunning works of art created by renowned artists from 12 different states in the U.S., 2 foreign countries and many pieces by Minnesota artists. “It never ceases to amaze me the amount of local talent in and around the Mankato area” states Noelle Lawton, Special Initiatives Coordinator for the City Center Partnership. “This year we have artists from Good Thunder, Hastings and Lakeville – it is important to us to be able to support and uncover homegrown sculptors”.

New on the installation weekend agenda this year is a “Meet and Greet on the Street” on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00pm after installation. The public is welcome to come out and meet nearly half of the artists at their sculpture site around the City Center. This is a special opportunity to put a face to the art that the community enjoys year round and delve deeper into the inspiration behind the sculptures. CityArt will again be hosting a public Artists’ Reception at Number 4 American Bar and Kitchen from 4:00 – 6:00pm that same day. The reception is an event where the public, sponsors and artists come together to celebrate arts and culture in the Mankato City Center. Tickets to this event are \$35.00 and available for purchase by emailing [info@cityartmankato.com](mailto:info@cityartmankato.com) or calling 507-388-1062.

An added feature to the program this year is the option of voting online from the CityArt website for your favorite People’s Choice sculpture. In previous years only a paper ballot was used to collect the public votes, and this option will still be available in the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour brochure. However with increased usage in smart phone technology, the CityArt Committee felt it was

time to move toward this type of voting system. The new sculptures and online voting will go live on the CityArt website on May 17<sup>th</sup> at [cityartmankato.com](http://cityartmankato.com).

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