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City Center Partnership Announces People's Choice Winner
CityArt Adds Tenth New Public Sculpture and Over \$1.1 million Displayed

MANKATO, Minn.— The City Center Partnership announced the 2013 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour award winners at the November 20th Greater Mankato Business Awards and Hall of Fame event. Over 700 votes were cast for the People's Choice sculpture making it the sculpture that received the most popular votes from the public. All of the sculptures received votes, which was a testament to the high quality and wide variety of sculptures presented. The People's Choice was awarded to Lee Leuning and Sherri Treeby of South Dakota for their sculpture "Saturday Distractions". This sculpture will be purchased by the City Center Partnership and permanently installed in City Center Mankato.

Another annual recognition is the Best of Show. Sculptures were juried and selected by an esteemed group of judges including: Donald Myers - Director, Hillstrom Museum of Art and Instructor at Gustavus Adolphus College in the Department of Art and Art History, Andrew Overn- Associate Professor of Studio Art and Media Arts at Bethany Lutheran College, and Liz Miller – Professor in the College of Arts and Humanities, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Winning sculptures in "Other Materials" included, Best of Show – Honorable Mention, "Dakota Moon" by Chris Powell of Colorado; Best of Show – Third, "Pagan Apple" by Chris Kilbane of Minnesota; Best of Show – Second, "Prairie Ship" by Greg Mueller of Minnesota; and Best of Show – "Tundra" by Virginia Sperry of Maryland. Winning sculptures in "Bronze" included, Best of Show – Honorable Mention, "Sitting Bear" by Eric Thorsen of Montana; Best of Show – Third, "Shima" by Martha Pettigrew of Nebraska; Best of Show – Second, "A Bad Hair Day" by Jerry McKellar of Washington; and Best of Show – "A Feather's Flight" by Deb Zelenak of

Wyoming. Additionally, the Kids Choice award went to Greg Mueller for his sculpture, "Prairie Ship". All sculptures, except the People's Choice winner, are now for sale or lease until April 2014.

Since 2011, CityArt has facilitated the addition of 10 permanent sculptures in City Center Mankato and throughout our community adding beauty and dimension to the downtown core. Eric Harriman of the City Center Partnership states, "Over the last 3 years, CityArt has displayed \$1.1million in professional public art sculptures resulting in this year's People's Choice being the 10th new addition to the permanent public art collection. These efforts are supporting the mission of the Partnership, which is to support economic and community vibrancy in City Center Mankato making it a more attractive and dynamic place to live, shop, work and play." Plans are well underway for the 2014 tour which will include 34 sculptures, with several spots reserved for artists from the Greater Mankato area.

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. CityArt is a program of the City Center Partnership and a collaborative effort with the cities of Mankato and North Mankato. For additional information, please visit the CityArt website, www.cityartmankato.com.

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