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WINTER ARTS - 2020 Snow Sculpting Competition Call For Entry

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The Dubuque Museum of Art, in partnership with the City of Dubuque and Winterfun, Inc., announces a call for entries for the WINTER ARTS - 2020 Snow Sculpting Competition February 5–8, 2020 in Washington Park in Downtown Dubuque. Teams from the state of Iowa are invited to compete. All Iowa teams will be competing for the State of Iowa title and an invitation to the 2021 U.S. National Snow Sculpting Competition in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. In addition to the state competition there will be a community snow sculpting portion of the event that offers the public an opportunity to sculpt a block of snow.

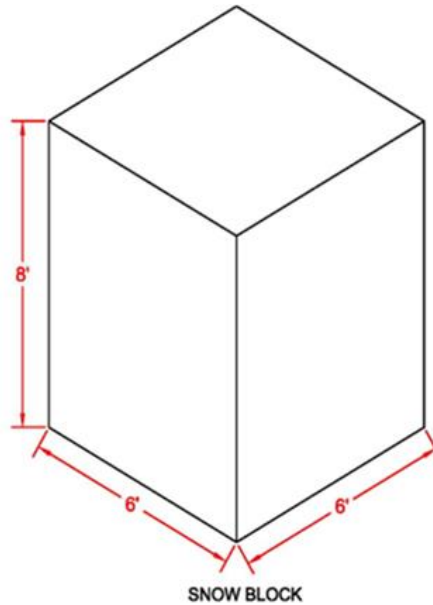
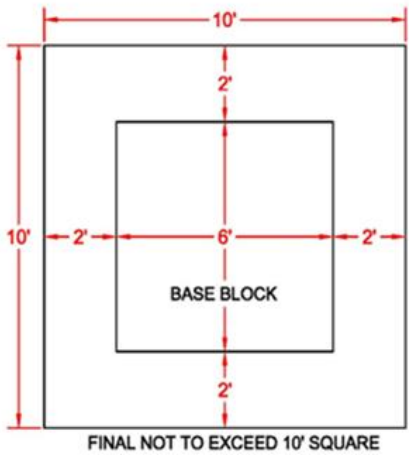
General Info for Sculptors

Participants: Each team shall consist of three members, 18 years and older. A team must have three state resident members maximum, two state resident members are acceptable. In the event a two member team wins, qualifying the team to participate in the National Competition, a third member must be added. If a third in-state member is not achievable, an out of state member will be accepted with approval of state and/or national event organizers. Amateurs/professionals are eligible; sculptors can only participate on one team. There is no entry fee.

Proof of residency in the form of a drivers license or state ID must accompany application.

Snow Sculpting Rules: Teams will begin carving on Wednesday, February 5, and will have until noon on Saturday, February 8 to complete their sculpture. No media other than snow, ice and water may be used; colorants may not be added. No armatures are allowed. Sculptors must use their own tools. This includes snow removal equipment: buckets, ladders and scaffolding. No power tools are permitted. Sculptures have to be fully finished on all sides before voting begins on Saturday.

Snow Blocks: Each team is assigned (by lottery) a square shaped block of manufactured snow, 6 feet per side and 8 feet high in Washington Park sculpting site in Dubuque, Iowa. Finished pieces may not expand beyond 10 feet in diameter, top to bottom. Height is unlimited. The condition of the snow cannot be guaranteed. In case of significant inclement weather, the competition will be canceled.



Subject Matter: Artists have the liberty of creating images that can be real or imaginary. Because the sculptures will be located in public space the content must be appropriate for all ages. The images created must be an original design and NOT a sculpture that the team has executed prior to the competition. No trademark designs allowed.

Judging Criteria

The designated judges will rank the sculptures and winners will be determined based on these recommended criteria:

CREATIVITY: Originality of expression, composition, design and aesthetics (50%)

TECHNIQUE: Utilization of materials, excellence in execution and presentation (30%)

MESSAGE: Visual force and communication of message as suggested by the title (20%)

AWARDS

-State of Iowa Champion - First place will represent Iowa in US National Snow Sculpting Contest 2021*eligible Iowa teams only

-People’s Choice Award – Determined by public voting from 12:00 to 3:30 pm on Saturday, February 8th. Ballot and drop boxes will be available in the Dubuque Museum of Art and Washington Park. This award will be presented at the awards ceremony at 3:45 pm

Jury Process

The Dubuque Museum of Art WINTER ARTS - 2020 Snow Sculpting Competition is a juried event to ensure sculptures are the best quality possible for the viewing public, and that sponsor's finite resources are best utilized (**blocks are limited**).

Accommodations

Accommodations will be provided for each three person team whose team members reside more than 1 hour away from Dubuque city limits, Wednesday night, February 5 through Friday night, February 7. Any other special lodging requirements must be worked out in advance.

Meals

Vouchers for lunch will be provided to each team Wednesday, February 5 through Friday, February 7. All other meals are the responsibility of the team and its members during competition.

Entry Process

Required – Complete the application at the end of this document, including a set of three conceptual illustrations of intended work. Illustrations should convey an accurate 2-dimensional visual of the sculpture, and each page should illustrate a different perspective: Pg 1 – front (with sculpture name), pg 2- side, and pg 3 – rear.

Illustrations must be submitted at a minimum size of 5" x 5" and done in ink (avoid shading and coloring). Pencil sketches will not be accepted and illustrations will not be returned.

If submitting by e-mail, please scan your illustrations at 300 DPI or higher and send them as a JPG, PNG or PDF.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be received by 5:00 pm on **Friday, November 22, 2019**

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The Dubuque Museum of Art is not responsible for misdirected entries. Team Captains will be notified of acceptance status on or by **November 29, 2019** by email.

Questions?

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