

# Chicago Sculpture Exhibit Sponsorship

## ABOUT CHICAGO SCULPTURE EXHIBIT

The Chicago Sculpture Exhibit (CSE) is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, founded in 2001 by then Alderman Vi Daley. The Lincoln Park Community Art Initiative was intended to beautify the Lincoln Park neighborhood in a new way. The first show was mounted in 2002 with eight sculptures on display from May through October. In 2008, Alderman Tom Tunney brought Lakeview neighborhoods into the show, nearly doubling the number of sculptures presented. National artists were welcomed as new neighborhoods joined; and the name was changed to Chicago Sculpture Exhibit.

CSE is planning numerous new initiatives in 2021 to recognize the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Announcements will be made throughout the year-long celebration.

The CSE issues a "Call for Artists" each year. A jury, made up of neighborhood sponsors and Chicago art professionals, meet to evaluate the submissions. The jury votes are counted and selected artists are notified that they can begin the creation of a full-sized sculpture for placement in the spring. Selected artists are awarded a stipend in return for a one-year display of their creation. Several events are scheduled throughout the year to highlight the sculptures, artists, and sponsors.

Sponsors are the lifeblood of the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit. Sponsors bring art to their community and enjoy the privilege of taking part in the jury. Sponsors are highlighted in all media campaigns and are listed on plaques at the sculpture, in brochures, and on the CSE website. Sponsors are recognized at events and develop relationships with the artists selected.

Becoming a sponsor with of CSE tells your community, and others, that you support your neighborhood and public art. Your commitment to the community is promoted and an economic development tool is added by your sponsorship.

All donations to the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed. The CSE mission is to bring art to the neighborhoods. The motto of CSE is "Admission is Free" and sponsors make that possible. Works in the show are available for purchase at the conclusion of the exhibit.

## SPONSORSHIP INCLUSION

The following outlines the costs of sponsorship dates for jury selection. The installation and celebration event dates are approximate.

- **Sponsorship per sculpture:** \$3,500 (1-year). Your donation allows CSE to provide artist awards, insurance, and installation. CSE also designs and prints plaques, brochures, and posters. Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest amount allowed. CSE is a 501(c)(3) recognized, not-for-profit corporation.

- **CSE Time-frame:** For participation as a sponsor in this year's show, please confirm participation as soon as possible, but no later than January first. The jury selection takes place in January of each year. Sculpture installations take place in May and sponsors are invited to attend and meet the artists. A kick-off celebration is held in June with additional events throughout the year. Sponsors and their members, boards, family, and friends are encouraged to attend.



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