

General Information

In its 23rd year, the **Chicago Sculpture Exhibit** is continuing its mission to encourage public encounters with art while going about daily lives. Professional 3-D artists are invited to create and install sculptures at identified public sites. A \$2,000 honorarium will be awarded for each selected work – half paid at contract signing and balance at installation. Artwork will remain on display for one calendar year. At least **40 sculptures** will be included in the 2024 Exhibition.

Chicago Sculpture Exhibit is a private, not-for-profit organization that partners with private businesses, cultural institutions, neighborhood organizations, individuals and chambers of commerce. that partners with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District. Chicago Sculpture Exhibit works under the guidance of the City of Chicago and Chicago Park District.

Criteria –

The work must:

- ❑ be made of the highest quality materials that hold up to sometimes harsh weather conditions including heat, rain and wind;
- ❑ be of the highest quality construction and appropriate in an urban setting;
- ❑ be original works of art created by the artist or fabricated under their direct supervision;
- ❑ demonstrate structural soundness, safety and stability for an unsupervised general audience;
- ❑ be guaranteed against defects and deterioration;
- ❑ fit into a dense, urban setting. Large-scale sculptures are requested.

Timeline (approximate) –

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| December 15, 2023: | Deadline for submission |
| January 17, 2024: | Jury meets |
| February 1, 2024: | Notification of selection: all artists will be notified by email |
| April 24-May 5, 2024: | Remove existing artworks |
| May 2024: | Installation of artworks |
| May 2025: | Exhibition closes |

Eligibility –

Chicago Sculpture Exhibit is open to all experienced professional sculptors. Artists may submit no more than **two works** for consideration.

Installation Sites –

Each artwork will be assigned to an installation site based on size, shape and appropriateness. Sites are scattered throughout the Chicago area. Artists are responsible for the delivery, installation and removal of the artwork. CSE will provide limited assistance at the site during the installation and removal. CSE also provides

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insurance at the site, less a \$10,000 deductible. Artwork not ready for installation at scheduled time will not be accepted.

Review Process –

The Jury is made up of a committee representing community interests and invited art professionals. This list will be updated as names are confirmed for 2024.

Application Process –

To be considered for **Chicago Sculpture Exhibit 2024**, artists must submit:

- ❑ Completed online entry form
- ❑ A CV/exhibition history
- ❑ A short biography
- ❑ A one-page artist statement
- ❑ Digital images that best represent your work. Images should be clearly identified by artist name and title of work. Images will be uploaded within the application. Image files should be in JPEG format and no larger than 2MB. Note: PDFs are not acceptable for viewing by jury.

To apply complete application at this link: <https://forms.gle/HZrCLXnwpquqQQXp7>

Entries must be received no later than Friday, **December 15, 2023**. **There is no entry fee.**

*If you cannot apply online, please contact chicagosculptureexhibit@gmail.com to make alternative arrangements.