ABOUT CHICAGO SCULPTURE EXHIBIT

The Chicago Sculpture Exhibit (CSE) was founded in 2001 by then Alderman Vi Daley. Originally named the Lincoln Park Community Art Initiative, this program 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 program, nearly doubling the number of sculptures presented. National artists were welcomed as new neighborhoods joined; and the name was changed to the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit with sculptures now installed for one year.

CSE issues a “Call for Artists” each year. A jury, made up of sponsors, community members and Chicago art professionals, meets to evaluate the submissions. The jury votes are counted, the artists are notified that their piece is selected, and they begin to fabricate their large-scale sculpture for installation in the spring. 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 CSE. They bring art to their community and enjoy the privilege of taking part in the jury. Sponsors are highlighted in all media campaigns and listed on plaques at the sculpture site, in brochures, and on the CSE website.

CSE’s mission is to install large-scale sculpture outdoors throughout Chicago’s neighborhoods. With each sponsorship, communities are enhanced and economic development is promoted. Residents and visitors alike can enjoy public art daily.

Sculptures in the show are available for purchase at the conclusion of the exhibit.

SPONSORSHIP INCLUSION
The following outlines the scope of a sponsorship. The dates for jury selection, installation and celebration events are approximate.

Sponsorship: A single sculpture sponsorship is $4,000 for one year. Your donation allows CSE to provide an artist award, insurance and installation costs. CSE also designs and prints plaques, brochures, and related promotional materials. CSE is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. All donations to the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed.

CSE Time-frame: To participate as a sponsor in this year’s show, complete the Sponsorship Confirmation form as soon as possible. The jury selection takes place in January of each year. Sculptures are installed in May, and sponsors are invited to attend and meet the artists. A kick-off celebration is held after all sculptures are installed. Sponsors and their members, boards, family, and friends are encouraged to attend.