

City of North Charleston, SC, Offers It's 2023/24 Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition

The City of North Charleston, SC, is presenting its 17th annual *National Outdoor Sculpture Competition & Exhibition*, on view at the North Charleston Riverfront Park, at 1001 Everglades Avenue (at the old Charleston Navy Base in North Charleston, SC, through Mar. 17, 2023. The public park is open daily during daylight hours.

Sculpture artists from across the nation were invited to participate in the competition and exhibition. Thirteen sculptures by artists from seven states were selected for the 2023/24 exhibit. Once installed, awards for Best in Show, Outstanding Merit, and Honorable Mentions were selected by the juror, Vivianne Lee Carey.

Organized by the City of North Charleston Cultural Arts Department and presented as a component of the annual North Charleston Arts Fest, this unique exhibition offers established and emerging artists the opportunity to display their inspiring and extraordinary sculptures throughout the picturesque North Charleston Riverfront Park, set along the banks of the Cooper River. An estimated 50,000 people visit this public park annually to enjoy the amenities located in the heart of the city's arts community.

The juror for the 2023/2024 competition and exhibition was Vivianne Lee Carey, sculptor and Instructor of Art at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC. Carey was born in Millville, NJ, in 1959.



"Vessel 5" (corten steel) by Bob Doster (Lancaster, SC)

Carl Sandburg wrote, "Down in southern New Jersey they make glass. By day and by night, the fires burn on in Millville." As a sculptor that forms metal and glass by fire, the poetic lines are an affirmation of the materials she utilizes in her work. Carey received her BFA from Converse in 1981, and an MFA from Winthrop University in 2016. She has been honored to have received several grants for regional public sculptures and her work has been shown in solo and group exhibitions throughout the Southeast.

Carey offered the following Juror's Statement, "I am honored to jury this inspirational sculpture competition located in the beautiful North Charleston Riverfront Park. To all the artists who submitted, thank you for the privilege to view your distinguished sculpture, all of which was exceptional in form and execution. The artists who entered should be proud of the work they are creating and I encourage you to keep striving in your craft."

"Congratulations to the selected artists. Many of the pieces were chosen to achieve a unified representation of a whimsical colorful nature," adds Carey. "These sculptures remind viewers of colorful surfboards, forests of blue and orange trees, capricious park benches, guest aliens and their rocket ships, plastic children's toys, rubber roosters, and sexy-leg-lampshades."

"That said, ironically, my selection for Best in Show was Mark Chatterley's *Wall*, which is neither colorful nor whimsical. These ceramic figures, exceptional in their execution (the patina is phenomenal), wrestle with themes about immigration and the walls and borders that we erect that marginalize other humans. For me, the work also represents women and the children for



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which they are responsible and the act of carrying each other's burdens. Very powerful piece, and congratulations Mark!"

Participating sculptors include: *Wall* (clay with crater glaze) by Mark Chatterley (Williamston, MI) who won the Best In Show award; *Underfire* (painted steel) by Adam Walls (Hope Mills, NC) won the Outstanding Merit award; *Archaeopteryx* (painted steel) by John Parker (Glenside, PA) was given a Honorable Mention award; and *Division of Two III* (forged and fabricated steel, paint) by Corrina Sephora (Atlanta, GA) also won a Honorable Mention award.

Others on view include: *Painted Twist* (painted aluminum) by Mary Angers (Long Branch, NJ); *Vessel 5* (corten steel) by Bob Doster (Lancaster, SC); *Red Tiger* (steel) by James Futral (Frostproof, AL) *Nesting Too* (steel and reclaimed tires) by Richard Herzog (Athens, GA); *Gravitational Wave* (steel and paint) by Hanna Jubran (Grimesland, NC); *Sophie* (powder coated steel) by Doug McAbee (Laurens, SC); *Precambrian Memory* (rusted steel and river rocks) by Charles Pilkey (Mint Hill, NC); *Phoenix* (steel, copper, and paint) by Rudy Rudisill (Gastonia, NC); and *You'll Shoot Your Eye Out II* (steel, fiberglass, resin, hosiery) by Joni Younkins-Herzog (Athens, GA).



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Sculptors from across the nation are invited to submit an application for participation in the annual *National Outdoor Sculpture Competition & Exhibition*. Up to 14 sculptures are selected for the exhibit and compete for cash prizes totaling up to \$19,750. Call the North Charleston Cultural Arts Department at 843/740-5854 for more information, or to be added to the application mailing list.

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