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The Riverbend Sculpture Biennial Fact Sheet

- National competition offering in excess of \$200,000 in commissions in 2005
- Goals: Establish an outdoor sculpture program for the City of Owensboro and showcase the city as a regional center for the arts.
- Project of the Owensboro Public Art Commission
- Professional artists experienced with the design and installation of public art will be invited to submit proposals for site-specific sculpture
- Nationally prominent juror with expertise in public art projects will lead the awards process and serve as a consultant to sponsors commissioning works of art.
- Sponsors who have confirmed an intent to purchase sculpture
 - The Foundation for Health will sponsor a sculpture to be installed at the entrance of the Frank Mitchell Cancer Center currently under construction on the hospital's campus.
 - A foundation established by the late Robert Puckett, former president of Progress Printing, will honor the printing company's founder Alton Puckett and his wife Margaret Puckett. The commission will provide an outdoor sculpture to be installed on the property of the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art.
 - Texas Gas Transmission will sponsor a commission to complement the exterior of its corporate headquarters, one of Owensboro's architectural assets.
 - The law firm of Moore, Malone & Safreed will offer a commission for a sculpture to be installed at the firm's offices at 104 E. 4th Street in Owensboro.

- Terry Woodward, president of Wax Works will commission a sculpture to be installed on East Second Street, a downtown business district being developed by the Owensboro businessman.
- Call to artists will be mailed in mid January
 - More than 10,000 artists' studios, arts organizations, galleries, colleges and universities across the nation will be contacted
 - Owensboro Public Art Commission's website (opublicart.org) will provide entry information
- Associated events
 - September 2005
 - Exhibition of scale models at Owensboro Museum of Fine Art
 - Full size sculpture entries exhibited throughout the city
- The Owensboro Public Art Commission was appointed by the City Commission
 - Ex officio members represent community development organizations
 - At-large community leaders appointed by the mayor and city commissioners
 - Organizations represented
 - City of Owensboro
 - Community Foundation of Owensboro
 - Owensboro-Daviess County Tourist Commission
 - Owensboro Historic Preservation Commission
 - Owensboro Museum of Fine Art
 - Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
 - Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
 - Brescia University Fine Arts Department
 - Kentucky Wesleyan College Fine Arts Department
 - Owensboro Community College Fine Arts Department
 - RiverPark Center
 - Owensboro Art Guild
 - PRIDE
- Owensboro Public Art Commission Website www.opublicart.org
- Owensboro Museum of Fine Art telephone 270-685-3181