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The Riverbend Sculpture Biennial Fact Sheet

- National competition offering \$380,000 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 jurors with expertise in public art projects will lead the jury 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 Memorial Cancer Center, currently under construction on the hospital's campus. Commission: \$100,000
 - Texas Gas Transmission will sponsor a commission to complement the exterior of its corporate headquarters, one of Owensboro's architectural assets. Commission: \$100,000
 - 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 \$50,000 commission will provide an outdoor sculpture to be installed on the property of the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art.
 - Terry Woodward, president of Wax Works will offer a commission of up to \$50,000 for a sculpture to be installed on East Second Street, a downtown business district being developed by the Owensboro businessman.

- Malcolm & Sally Bryant will offer a \$30,000 commission for sculpture in a landscaping area or on building facades at The Springs Health Center office park located at 2200 East Parrish Avenue.
- The law firm of Moore, Malone & Safreed will offer a commission of up to \$25,000 for a sculpture to be installed at the firm's offices at 104 East 4th Street in Owensboro.
- Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline will offer a \$25,000 commission for a sculpture at its recently completed corporate headquarters at 4700 Highway 56 on the west side of town.
- Call to artists will be mailed in mid March
 - More than 10,000 artists' studios, arts organizations, galleries, colleges and universities across the nation will be contacted
 - Owensboro Public Art Commission's Web site (opublicart.org) will provide entry information
- Associated events
 - September 2005
 - Exhibition of scale models at Owensboro Museum of Fine Art
- 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 Web site - www.opublicart.org
- Owensboro Museum of Fine Art telephone - 270-685-3181