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Lafayette's Art on the Street Artists Announced

Lafayette, Colo – Dec., 2012 – The Lafayette Public Art Committee is pleased to announce the 2013 selection of artists for Art on the Street. This program provides artists an outdoor showcase for their work in this creative, diverse and eclectic community.

The artists selected for the 2013 Art on the Street are: Robert Brubaker, Charlotte Zink, Diane Mason, James Vilona, Zachery Harris, Gene Michelli, John King, J. Lucas Loeffler, Reven Swanson, Anthony Guntren, Greg Wasil, Anne Shutan, Kimmerjae Johnson, Ivan Kosta, and Gerry Stecca. Art works will be installed in late-March.

The Lafayette Cultural Resources Department is also pleased to announce that the Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission and Public Art Committee have been awarded a \$10,000 grant to expand the Art on the Street program in the coming year. The Art on the Street (AOTS) program has been integral in establishing Lafayette's Creative~Diverse~Eclectic identity. The AOTS sculptures are highlighted as part of five Art Night Out events, in the Lafayette Recreation Department's heART Walk, and as part of an education outreach program. They create a unique attraction and centerpiece for Old Town.

The grant funding will allow for extensive enhancements to expand the program and broaden the reach. Art on the Street will be expanded to include more technology. Each selected sculpture will receive a QR code and phone number so viewers can access additional information about the artwork and the artist. Through the City's website, people will be able to access videos of interviews with the sculptors, background information on each artwork, artists' statements, a teacher's curriculum packet and other activities.

Following the installation of the sculptures, area poets and visual artists will be invited to participate in a juried art show, "See and Respond!" where artists create a piece inspired by one of the sculptures. The "See and Respond!" art show and "Meet the Artists Reception", featuring the Art on the Street Sculptures and the works they inspired, will be held in Old Town Lafayette during the summer of 2013. There will be cash prizes awarded in multiple categories and the winner of the Art on the Street, Jean Mellblom People's Choice Award will be announced.

More information on the "See and Respond!" art show will be available in the spring. This program is not limited to local artists; finalists will be accepted from a nationwide pool of artists. More information can be found at www.cityoflafayette.com/CFA

Art on the Street, in its fifth year, is the largest sculpture on loan program in Boulder County. The sixteen selected sculptures will be on display in various locations along South Public Road for one year. AOTS artists each receive a \$500 stipend upon installation and are also eligible for a \$1000 People's Choice Award. All sculptures are for sale in this outdoor art display.

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