



City of Ketchum

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Ketchum Chooses Five Sculptures for 2016 Art on Fourth *8th Annual Exhibit Approved by City Council*

KETCHUM, Idaho — Five sculptures by Idaho artists will soon be in place on Fourth Street as part of the city's eighth annual Art on Fourth program. Artists were selected in a juried process by the Ketchum Arts Commission. Artists receive an honorarium of \$1,000.

An abstract black granite monument, *Torrent*, by Ketchum's Will Robinson, already has been installed in Town Square.

Stacks, a steel stack creation by Hailey's Robert Kantor, has also been placed in Town Square.

Hagerman's Gary Mode is lending the city a 6-foot eagle, *Freedom in the Wings*, made of steel, to be installed at Fourth Street between Main Street and Leadville Avenue.

Benjamin Victor of Boise has created a life-size, bronze depiction of skiing legend Gretchen Fraser, which will stand at Fourth Street between Walnut and East avenues. The late Fraser, who lived here, was the first American to win an Olympic gold medal in skiing.

This piece is one of five life-size, bronze sculptures of area Olympic snow sport medalists that local attorney Brian Barsotti wants to have created. Other sculptures would be of Christin Cooper, Susie Corrock, Muffy Davis and Kaitlyn Farrington.

Dancing Maidens, a 10-foot steel creation depicting leaves of the Ginkgo biloba tree, will be installed at Fourth Street between Main and Washington streets. Sculptor is Teresa McHugh of Dalton Gardens.

In addition, three local artists will lend encaustic paintings for display in City Council Chambers for the next year under the Art in City Hall program. Artists are Suzanne Hazlett, Alison Higdon and Sharon Maley. Each of these artists receives an honorarium of \$350. All three live in the valley and are known for their encaustic work, which entails using hot wax in the painting process.

"We want to emphasize the importance of the arts both to our own citizens and to our visitors," Mayor Nina Jonas said. "As we walk along Fourth Street, the sculptures will remind us of the importance of the arts in making Ketchum such a special place."

Art in City Hall was created under her leadership.

The Ketchum Arts Commission organized and curated both exhibits. Brochures with more detailed information on Art on Fourth, Art in City Hall and the Arts Commission's other projects will be available this summer at City Hall, and the Town Square kiosk and adjacent Visitor Center. The sculptures will be on view through the fall.

Photo: *Torrent*, Will Robinson artist and *Stacks*, Robert Kantor artist. Photo courtesy of Marybeth Flower.

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About Ketchum Arts Commission

The city of Ketchum Arts Commission was created in 2007 with the objective of integrating arts and culture into the community. Among its initiatives are Cover Art, the wrapping of utility boxes in downtown Ketchum and a ski gondola at the Sun Valley Resort; Art on Fourth, an annual sculpture exhibit; Street Art, which features manhole covers designed by local artists; a rotating exhibit of work by local artists in City Hall; and the development of policies and plans for public art in the community. The commission consists of local volunteers who are active in and passionate about the arts.

About the City of Ketchum

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit ketchumidaho.org.

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