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Dear friends!

It is with GREAT pleasure that we invite you to Winnipeg, to participate in our **International Snow Sculpture Symposium (February 14-19, 2023)** for the 54th edition of the Festival du Voyageur. This year, Western Canada's largest winter festival will be taking place from February 17–26, 2023.

For over 50 years, the Festival du Voyageur International Snow Sculpture Symposium has given artists from around the world an opportunity to express themselves through this medium in a spirit of mutual support and cooperation. This year, we are so happy to welcome back the international community to our snow playground. Please note that this is not a competition or contest.

We invite international teams to submit proposals to participate in our Snow Sculpture Symposium. Should you be interested, we request teams to send us a proposed project including a rendered image, description, and team members' information before **November 13, 2022**. Confirmation letters will be sent to the selected teams at the latest by **November 18, 2022**. Your application may be submitted either by email, mail or in person.

Please send us an image of your proposed project as well as a resume for your team members (one resume per team) indicating past snow sculpting experiences. Teams will be limited to 4 people. Please note that the snow blocks provided will be 3m x 3.7m x 3.7m (10x12x12).

We will be able to provide some financial assistance to help with transportation to Winnipeg. Local transportation, meals and lodging will also be provided (for the duration of the Symposium only). Sculptors will be lodged (1 hotel room per team for a maximum of 5 nights) at the Fairmont Winnipeg located in downtown Winnipeg just a short distance from the Symposium site.

Registration form and information about Festival du Voyageur can be found below. Should you require any additional information, feel free to contact us at (204) 237-7692 and/or by email: **sculptures@heho.ca**

We're excited to welcome you in 2023, and to our international friends, we are excited to see you again!

Christel Lanthier
Snow Sculpture Coordinator
Festival du Voyageur Inc.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date and Location of the Symposium

The International Snow Sculpture Symposium will take place **February 14 to 19, 2023** in Whittier Park in Saint-Boniface, Manitoba, Canada during the Festival du Voyageur, Western Canada's largest winter festival.

Symposium Theme

No theme will be imposed this year keeping in mind we have a general audience of all ages. For inspiration, please note the general theme of the Festival this year is "Inclusion"

Selection Criteria

The Symposium is open to all those who have previous experience in snow sculpting and/or sculpture. The teams will be selected according to the following criteria:

- The originality and visual interest of the chosen subject
- The utilization of the snow block provided.
- The physical and artistic qualities of the proposed sculpture
- Team members' experience in sculpture
- Previous experience in ephemeral materials

Registration Method

There are no registration fees. Each team must complete the following:

- A registration form filled and completed with all the pertinent information
- A precise, rendered drawing of the sculpture or a clear rendered image of a maquette, and a description of the concept. (Photos of a scale model will also serve the purpose)
- Photos of previous sculptures (snow or other medium) created by the members of the team (please include dimensions of the artwork)
- A description of the experience of the team members

The registration form must be completed and received by the Festival du Voyageur inc. office by **November 13, 2022**.

Number of Participants per Team

We recommend that each team have a minimum of two (2) members represented by a captain and sculptors. We sometimes have additional volunteers available for teams who need assistance, please let us know in your application if you require volunteers.

Block Dimensions

The dimensions of each block are 3 m x 3.7 m x 3.7 m (10' x 12' x 12'). All sides of the block should be sculpted, as visitors will have access to all sides of the sculpture. All blocks are formed with natural "Manitoba" snow.

Equipment and Services Provided by Festival du Voyageur

The sculptors must provide most of their sculpting tools. The Festival du Voyageur will provide a heated rest shelter, toilets on site and a basic toolkit for each team. We will also make available ladders, scaffolding, shovels and other snow moving equipment (mechanical will be limited).

Electric and mechanical tools are prohibited. Sculptors should bring their own finishing tools. Water and snow are the only materials allowed in the construction of the sculpture. Ice will be permitted but not provided. No other support materials will be permitted.

Clothing

Winter clothing will not be provided by the organization. All sculptors are responsible for adequate winter clothing for the conditions including outerwear (jackets and pants) boots, warm socks, mitts and toques.

Insurance and Work Safety

Each participant must insure they have proper medical insurance before arriving to the event in question and will be required to submit proof of insurance before the start date, to the coordination team. The Festival du Voyageur Inc. will not be held responsible for healthcare claims, theft or losses or damages incurred during the event. Each participant is responsible for their own as well as the safety of the other participants and the public. A short safety meeting as well as signed waiver will be required from each participant. The Festival reserves the right to remove any sculpture that they determine to be a safety hazard and sculptors are responsible for the safe design of their sculpture.

For out of town artists A travel itinerary must be provided to the festival, including dates, flight times and flight numbers at least one month prior to the festival. If this is not possible you must contact the festival with a time this will be available.

Symposium Work Schedule

A work schedule will be created in order to maximize the hours spent creating the sculpture during the four (5) days of the symposium. However, we ask all sculptors to respect the times for all meals and the work schedule will remain flexible allowing all to complete their sculpture.

Renumeration and Expenses Covered by the Festival du Voyageur Inc.

Travel assistance will be offered based on the distance of travel and as follows: \$200CAD for a team traveling 500km or more, \$400CAD for a team travelling 1000km or more and \$700CAD for a team travelling 2000km or more.

Meals and lodging will be provided. Sculptors will be lodged (1) hotel room per team for a maximum of 5 nights) at the Fairmont Winnipeg located in downtown Winnipeg just a short distance from the Symposium site. The Festival du Voyageur will not be responsible for personal expenses. The hotel will ask for a credit card once registered for such expenses.

While in Winnipeg, local transportation to and from the venue. Local transport between the airport, hotel and Voyageur Park will be provided and coordinated later prior to arrival.

**The Symposium sponsors are subject to the renewal of their agreements and may change at any time without notice.*

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the registration form with all the information, the descriptions, the drawings and send them all by **November 13, 2022**. Any registration form deemed incomplete may risk not being selected for the Symposium in 2023.

Please note: all the names of the participants must be identical to the names on their passports.

TEAM CAPTAIN FROM: _____

Name : _____ Date of Birth : _____

Mailing Address : _____

City : _____ Postal Code : _____

Country : _____

Telephone (home) : _____ Telephone (work) : _____

Fax : _____ E-mail : _____

Spoken Language(s) : _____

Correspondence Language : English French

Allergies and Special Diet : _____

T-Shirt size : _____

SECOND MEMBER

Name : _____ Date of Birth : _____

Mailing Address : _____

City : _____ Postal Code : _____

Country : _____

Telephone (home) : _____ Telephone (work) : _____

Fax : _____ E-mail : _____

Spoken Language(s) : _____

Correspondence Language : English French

Allergies and Special Diet : _____

T-Shirt size: _____

THIRD MEMBER

Name : _____ Date of Birth : _____

Mailing Address : _____

City : _____ Postal Code : _____

Country : _____

Telephone (home) : _____ Telephone (work) : _____

Fax : _____ E-mail : _____

Spoken Language(s) : _____

Correspondence Language : English French

Allergies and Special Diet : _____

T-shirt size: _____

FOURTH MEMBER

Name : _____ Date of Birth : _____

Mailing Address : _____

City : _____ Postal Code : _____

Country : _____

Telephone (home) : _____ Telephone (work) : _____

Fax : _____ E-mail : _____

Spoken Language(s) : _____

Correspondence Language : English French

Allergies and Special Diet : _____

T-shirt size: _____



PREVIOUS SCULPTING EXPERIENCE (INCLUDING SNOW)

Please include the biographies of the team members experience and a portfolio (photos, articles, etc.) of previously realized sculptures.

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF YOUR TEAMS SCULPTURE

Please title your sculpture and write a brief description and justification of your proposal. We reserve the right to modify the title and text for spacing reasons.

Title :

Description :

DRAWINGS OF YOUR SCULPTURE

Please submit drawings of several angles of your sculpture including; front view, back view and $\frac{3}{4}$ view. Please remember the dimensions of the blocs are 3 m x 3.7 m x 3.7 m (10' x 12' x 12') and all blocs are constructed **horizontally** and not vertically.



*The important dates and information is on the following page.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Application deadline – **November 13, 2022.**
- Confirmation with participating teams' deadline – **November 18, 2022.**
- Arrivals in Winnipeg – **February 14, 2023.**
- The International Snow Sculpting Symposium – **February 14-29, 2023.**
- Departures from Winnipeg – **February 19, 2023.**
- Festival du Voyageur – **February 17–26, 2023.**

Please send your completed registration form with portfolios and drawings to the following addresses:

**Festival du Voyageur inc.
233 Provencher Boulevard
Winnipeg (Manitoba) Canada
R2H 0G4
Attention: Christel Lanthier**

You may also send your documents by fax to **(204) 233-7576** or by e-mail to **sculptures@heho.ca**

We thank you for your submissions to our Symposium. Please note only the selected teams will receive a letter of confirmation. Good luck and hope to see you soon!

Christel ☺