

2024 SNOW ART CALL FOR PROPOSALS





Festival du Voyageur 2024 Call for Snow Sculpture Proposals

In celebration of winter, and the joie de vivre of the French language and culture, Le Festival du Voyageur is seeking proposals of sketches. Designs and ideas of snow sculptures to embellish or provoke thought at our winter festival site.

Proposals deadline: **November 20, 2023.**

Emerging, or professional artists and teams are invited to submit their interest by submitting fully rendered sketches or images of Maquette of their ideas, indicating which project they are applying for.

Design proposals are open for the following projects (artists can apply for more than one project):

- 1) **Park Entrance Sculpture** (1 Available): Typically the largest piece in the park, this will require an experienced team of carvers.
- 2) **Park Snow Bar** (1 available): Great project for mid-career carvers, a long snow wall approx. 3-4ft tall that can be caved in play with the light.
- 3) **Snow Playground Slide** (2 available) A snow block that is approx. 10x10x12 built at an angle including 2 culverts as slide for children to use in the park.
- 4) **Interactive Snow Playground** (1 or more) snow structures that can be interacted with for youth of all ages. Safety must be taken into account. Must not include counter levers, over hanging pieces, or any snow that is climbable, or that can fall on a park patron.
- 5) **8x8x8 Snow Sculpture in Voyageur Park** (2-4 available): proposals for embellishment pieces within the park. This is great for a team of 2 members or a single experienced artist. Please indicate in proposal where your ideal location would be within the park. Great for emerging artists.
- 6) **4x4x4 Snow Sculpture in Voyageur Park** (4-6 available): proposals for embellishment pieces within the park. This is great for a team of 2 members. Please indicate in proposal where your ideal location would be within the park. Great for emerging artists.
- 7) **Commercial Public Art Blocks, 8x8x8, 10x10x12 or 20x10x12** (many available, based on sponsors) Teams of 3-4. These sculptures are sponsored by commercial companies in Winnipeg. If you have a company that would like to support your project, please let us know so we can communicate with them as well (not required).

We are excited and happy to hear all your project ideas. Please reach out for more information and details about each project that is available prior to applying to ensure successful submissions.

Should you require any additional information, feel free to contact us at (204) 237-7692 and/or by e-mail: sculptures@heho.ca

Christel Lanthier
Snow Sculpture Coordinator

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates and Location

The Snow Sculpture carvings typically take place 1 month to a few weeks before the Festival begins. Carve dates are approximately **Jan 15 to Feb 15, 2024** in Whittier Park in Saint-Boniface, as well as some various location within Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada depending on the project. Once your carving is started, you will be given one week (1) to complete your project.

Festival 2024 Theme

No theme will be imposed this year keeping in mind we have a general audience of all ages.

Selection Criteria

The projects are 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 (not applicable on smaller projects)
- Previous experience in ephemeral materials (not applicable on smaller projects)

Proposal Method

There are no proposal fees. Each Artist or art team must complete the following:

- A proposal 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 artist and/or the team members

The proposals form must be completed and received by the Festival du Voyageur inc. office by **November 20, 2023**.

Block Dimensions

The dimensions of each block are noted on the available projects above. All sides of the block should be sculpted, as the public will have access to all sides of the sculptures. All blocks will be formed with natural "Manitoba" snow, unless otherwise advised.

Equipment and Services Provided by Festival du Voyageur

The sculptors must provide their sculpting tools. The Festival du Voyageur will not provide a heated rest shelter, toilets or tools unless previously discussed or requested. The Festival du Voyageur is happy to advise on where to get access to tool. A lending library of tools may be available, depending on timing.

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 beginning sculpting 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 contract. Each participant is responsible for their own as well as the safety of the other participants and the public. A 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.

Remuneration and Expenses Covered by the Festival du Voyageur Inc.

Travel assistance may be available to artists applying from afar. Each sculpture will be paid an Honorarium, determined by size of project, and experience of artist or team members. The Honorariums are to be negotiated with the Festival du Voyageur Operations Director, after a project has been selected to move forward.

PROPOSAL FORM

Please fill out the registration form with all the information, the descriptions, the drawings and send them all by **November 20, 2023**. Any registration form deemed incomplete will not be considered.

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

TEAM CAPTAIN FROM: _____

Pronoun(s): _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

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

Fax: _____ E-mail : _____

Spoken Language(s): _____

Correspondence Language: English _____ French _____

(Optional) Do you self-identify as a person of minority: Yes/No _____

If yes to above, how do you wish to be identified (optional): _____

SECOND MEMBER

Pronoun(s)

Name:

Date of Birth:

Mailing Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Country:

Telephone (home):

Telephone (work):

Fax:

Email:

Spoken Language(s):

Correspondence Language: English

French

(Optional) Do you self-identify as a person of minority: Yes/No

If yes to above, how do you wish to be identified (optional):

THIRD MEMBER

Pronoun(s)

Name:

Date of Birth:

Mailing Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Country:

Telephone (home):

Telephone (work):

Fax:

Email:

Spoken Language(s):

Correspondence Language: English

French


(Optional) Do you self-identify as a person of minority: Yes/No

If yes to above, how do you wish to be identified (optional):

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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 proposed blocs and all blocs are constructed **horizontally** and not vertically.



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

IMPORTANT DATES

- Application deadline: **November 20, 2023**
- Approximate carving dates: **January 15 to Feb 15, 2024**
- Festival du Voyageur: **February 16 to 25, 2024**

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

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

Send your documents by email to:
sculptures@heho.ca

We thank you for your submissions. Please note only the selected projects will be contacted. Best of luck and hope to see you soon!

Merci and HÉHO,

Christel Lanthier
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