2027 SNOW SCULPTURES

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



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Festival du Voyageur 2027 Call for Snow Sculpture Proposals

In celebration of winter, and the *joie de vivre* of the French language and culture, Festival du Voyageur is seeking proposals of sketches. Designs and ideas of snow sculptures to enhance the look and feel of our winter festival site.

Proposals deadline: **Monday, November 23, 2026**

Emerging or professional artists and teams are invited to submit a potential project by providing fully rendered sketches or images of mockups of their ideas, indicating which project they are applying for.

All dimensions mentioned below are measured in feet with the length being the first number.

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

1) **Snow Playground Slide**: A snow block that is approx. 24x12x8 built at an angle including two culverts as a slide for children to use in the park.
2) **Snow Sculpture with ladder** (2 available): Snow structures that can be interacted with for festivalgoers 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. A portion of the snow bloc is to be cutout to slide the ladder in.
3) **12x12x10 Snow Sculpture in Parc du Voyageur** (2-4 available): Proposals for embellishment pieces within the park.
4) **8x8x8 Snow Sculpture in Parc du Voyageur** (2-4 available): Proposals for embellishment pieces within the park. This is great for a team of 2 members.
5) **8x4x8 Snowfa in Parc du Voyageur** (2-4 available): Proposals for embellishment pieces within the park. This is great for a team of 2 members.

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 by email: **sculptures@heho.ca**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates and Location

The Snow Sculpture carvings typically take place 1 month to a few weeks before the Festival begins. The exact date will be coordinated once the projects have been selected. Carve dates are approximately **Feb. 1 to Feb. 11, 2027** in Whittier Park, in Saint-Boniface, as well as in various locations within Winnipeg depending on the project. Once your carving is started, you will be given approximately one week (1) to complete your project.

Festival 2027 Theme

Frozen in Time
Depicting historical, cultural, natural and fantastical interpretations.

Selection Criteria

Proposals are open to all emerging artists and teams, or professionals who already have some experience with snow and the ephemeral. 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

Proposal Method

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

- A proposal form completed with all the required 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) or other 3D projects 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 office by **Monday, November 23, 2026**.

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 as they are not provided by Festival du Voyageur. Festival du Voyageur will provide a heated rest shelter and access to toilets at the park. Festival du Voyageur is happy to advise on where to get access to tools. A lending library of tools may be available, depending on timing.

Electric and mechanical tools could be permitted. Sculptors should bring their own finishing tools. Water and snow are typically the only materials allowed in the construction of the sculpture. Ice will be permitted

but not provided. An exception could be made for tools if the snow block's consistency be extremely difficult to carve by hand (too icy). This would be discussed with the coordinator closer to the carving start date. No access to electricity, generators, gas or other will be provided by Festival du Voyageur.

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 ensure 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. You will be required to provide your Manitoba Health Card number or equivalent. 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 safety orientation session as well as 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.

Volunteer, Compensation, Accreditation

Each team member listed below will receive an accreditation to attend Festival 2027. Please let us know if this is a volunteer proposal or if an artist fee is requested. Potential fees will be determined by the size of the project, and the experience of the team members or artists in question. Fees are negotiated with the Festival du Voyageur's Snow Sculpture Coordinator, 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 **Monday, November 23, 2026**. Any registration form deemed incomplete will not be considered.

Please note: Each team member must be included in the form below to receive their park pass.

Team Name: _____
Team Type (circle one option): Professional / Amateur / Community-based
Type of Compensation (circle one option): Honorarium / Volunteer

CAPTAIN: _____

Name:

Mailing Address:

City: Postal Code:

Country:

Cell Phone: Other Phone:

Email:

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Spoken Language(s):

Correspondence Language: English French

(Optional) Do you self-identify as Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit, Métis): Yes/No

SECOND MEMBER

Name:

Mailing Address:

City: Postal Code:

Country:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Spoken Language(s):

Correspondence Language: English French

(Optional) Do you self-identify as Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit, Métis): Yes/No

THIRD MEMBER

Name:

Mailing Address:

City: Postal Code:

Country:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Spoken Language(s):

Correspondence Language: English French

(Optional) Do you self-identify as Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit, Métis): Yes/No

FOURTH MEMBER

Name:

Mailing Address:

City: Postal Code:

Country:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Spoken Language(s):

Correspondence Language: English French

(Optional) Do you self-identify as Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit, Métis): Yes/No

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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.

Design proposal # (as detailed above; 1-5):

Title:

Description:

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DRAWINGS OF YOUR SCULPTURE

Please submit drawings of several angles of your sculpture including front view, back view and ¾ view. Please remember the dimensions of the proposed blocks and all blocks are constructed **horizontally** and not vertically.

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Application deadline: **Monday, November 23, 2026**
- Approximate carving dates: **February 1 to February 11, 2027**
- Festival du Voyageur: **February 12 to 21, 2027**

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

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

Festival du Voyageur inc.
233 Provencher Boulevard
Winnipeg (Manitoba) Canada R2H 0G4
Attention: Sculptures Coordinator

We thank you for your interest. Please note only the selected projects will be contacted.

Merci and HÉHO,
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