



2006 Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition Final Report

The seventh biennial Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition has now closed its four-month run June 17-October 9, 2006. The exhibition showcased 40 artworks by artists from all over the United States and Canada, with more than half of the artists hailing from the Puget Sound region. With a record number of **534 entries** reviewed by the jury, these five arts professionals had their work cut out for them. Out of **227 artists**, 36 were selected to show their sculptures in three sites both inside and outside of City Hall and the Downtown Park. The exhibition is over, but you'll find pictures of the artwork, as well as podcasts about it at located at the http://www.bellevuewa.gov/sculpture_exhibition.htm page on the city's website. A short video showcases seven selected sculptures. Please continue to engage, reflect and enjoy the visual arts in Bellevue.

The Bellevue Arts Commission is proud of the success of the exhibition, but don't just take their word for it. Check out the **235** press reviews and announcements in area publications. Lucia Enriquez of *The Seattle Times* says of the sculptures, "the best of them serve as a kind of conscience, a means for the city to question itself."

Exhibition Highlights

- **21** Artists displayed from Washington state.
- **10** Countries represented in artwork entries from Canada, Chile, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Germany, Serbia, Switzerland & South Africa.
- **\$36,000** worth of artist fees awarded.
- **2,230** brochures distributed to the general public.
- **3,000** Invitations circulated to the kickoff event.
- **250** Guests to the kickoff event, including four City Council members.
- **37** Teenage students participated in the Youth Project from Sammamish High School and Ground Zero Teen Center.
- **9** Gift Certificates redeemed in one week at Seastar Restaurant and Raw Bar.
- **\$759,550** Worth of sculptures displayed in the Downtown Park and City Hall.

