

PRESS RELEASE:

**70th ANNIVERSARY – THINK AND DO FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION
IN COLLABORATION WITH ART4TRAILS**

SATURDAY, 4 JUNE 2016

Silver Lake Pool / Mayo Park / Rochester Art Center

ART4TRAILS BIKE RIDE:

SILVER LAKE POOL NOON – 1:00 pm

RAC CELEBRATION:

RAC & MAYO PARK 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Think and Do Family Days are free and open to the public, but space is limited. Please RSVP at https://rac70th_art4trails.eventbrite.com

Join us on the occasion of the Rochester Art Center's 70th Anniversary with an expanded version of our popular Think and Do Family Day event! All events are free and open to the public—come anytime and stay 5 minutes or 5 hours!

We'll have our doors open to Mayo Park from 1:00p – 4:00p with art making activities, live music, lawn games and good times with friends and family. Among the nearly 20 activities available to the public include: exhibitions tours, a new play/make/learn exhibition, a project space to build your own bone sculpture, video and films on the exhibiting artists, radical fabric making, a poetry slam, spin art, spoke cards, outdoor movies, selfie stations and listening to live, local bands and DJs amidst a variety of artsy lawn games. We'll also have a few surprises throughout the day, including a cake worthy of a 70th Anniversary!

RAC will also have activities inside the Art Center, including drawing stations and one of the earliest viewings of our new Eamon O'Kane *Froebel* exhibit. Galleries featuring the *Unearth*: Judy Onofrio exhibition will also be open for a sneak peek before that evening's Exhibition Opening. Also on view is *When Lost in the Woods* by Melissa Borman.

RAC is also collaborating on this event with Art4Trails, a public art project of the Rochester Arts and Culture Collaborative, to support local and regional artists and bring public art to the bike trail near downtown Rochester. This project provides an opportunity for five local artists to demonstrate their talent by creating and installing their sculptures in their own community. Two sculptures will be located along with bike path that runs the Zumbro River. Sculptures are located on the East side of Mayo Park, one sculpture on the West side of Mayo Park, one in Slatterly Park and one near the fire station in Silver Lake Park.

Art4Trails artists were selected in a competition for based on proposals from local artists. The winners of this competition each receive \$2,000 for supplies and materials to develop their art. The selected artists are:

Departing at noon from Silver Lake Pool parking lot, Art4Trails will conduct a bike ride past each of the chosen art sculptures, with artists at each station describing their work. The ride will conclude at Mayo Park by approximately 1:00p.

- Richard Brubaker: sculpture title, *Sunrise Sunset*, to be located on the East side of Mayo Park. The artist has donated this piece to the City of Rochester, and it will be a permanent installment.
- Chris Delisle and Crist Dahl: sculpture title, *Bags of Leaves*, to be located on the East side of Mayo Park. This art will be in place for up to one year. This piece is also available for purchase; please contact the artist for details.
- Judd Nelson: sculpture title, *Blue Heron with Pumpkin Seed*, to be located on the West side of Mayo Park. This art will be in place for up to one year. This piece is also available for purchase; please contact the artist for details.
- Andrew Arend: sculpture title, *Giant Fish*, to be located near the bike trail in Slatterly Park. This art will be in place for up to one year. This piece is also available for purchase; please contact the artist for details.
- Joshua Schroeder: sculpture title, *Treecycle*, to be located near the fire station in Silver Lake Park. This art will be in place for up to one year. This piece is also available for purchase; please contact the artist for details.

Collaborative partners for this event are Rochester Art Center, the Rochester Arts and Cultural Collaborative, We Bike Rochester and the Olmsted County Health Department.

RAC gratefully thanks Think Mutual Bank for their support for the Think and Do Family Day series. Funding for RAC's year-long activities celebrating our 70th Anniversary include Inaugural Partners—Mayo Clinic, Think Mutual Bank and the Rochester Area Foundation. Additional funding for RAC is provided by the City of Rochester, Minnesota State Arts Board, the McKnight Foundation and the Jerome Foundation.

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ABOUT ROCHESTER ART CENTER

A leading center for contemporary art, Rochester Art Center is a non-collecting institution located in the heart of Rochester's historic downtown on the Zumbro River. Designed by Hammel, Green and Abrahamson (HGA), the Art Center's simple and clean design works harmoniously with nature – linking the indoors to the outside to create a shimmering complement to the river below. The Art Center shares a connection to Mayo Park with Mayo Civic Center and Rochester Civic Theatre. Founded in 1946, Rochester Art Center presents an ongoing schedule of exhibitions, across a broad spectrum, of new and innovative work by local, regional, national, and international artists; dynamic education programs for all ages; and an active program of community partnerships and visitor engagement initiatives. Rochester Art Center is located at 40 Civic Center Drive SE, Rochester, MN, 55904.

Rochester Art Center is admission free for 2016, with a suggested donation of \$5.

Hours are Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm, Thursday: 10 am – 9 pm; Sunday: 12 noon – 5 pm. For more information, please call 507-282-8629 or visit www.rochesterartcenter.org.