

# The Vandalia Art Park 2020-21



The Vandalia Art Park serves as an 8-acre walkable art exhibit and adds to the many amenities within the City of Vandalia. This park is joined to the Vandalia-Butler Historical Society grounds by the new Vandalia Rotary Bridge. This regional destination is free to the public and combines art and history. Other activities and art initiatives will complement the park and add to the appreciation of the exhibits on display throughout the year. The 8 leased sculptures join “At Play in Geologic Time” by Matthew Weir, a permanent limestone piece created during Vandalia’s “Chiseled” 2010 Sculpture Symposium, Daddy Long Legs by metal artist Dave Vande Vusse and purchased by PAIV and VCAP in 2015, “Bladerunner” created during Vandalia’s Heavy Metal Remix by Doug Benedict in September of 2016, as well as the park’s entryway Bottlecap Totem crafted by community members in 2020. Artist Todd Frahm, Asheville, North Carolina (Bellwether Sculptor from Chiseled 2010) has carved 6 limestone benches which are permanent additions to the park. Two benches were part of a mini-symposium sponsored by VCAP, PAIV and the Ohio Arts Council in 2017. Four individually commissioned benches were added in 2018. In addition to the exhibits, the Vandalia-Butler Foundation partnered with Vandalia Cultural Art, Vandalia Public Art and the City of Vandalia to sponsor the musical instruments for our residents’ outdoor enjoyment. To partner in future projects call C. Farst at (937) 898-5891.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Vandalia “Art Parked” Sculpture Exhibit 2020-21**

The Public Art in Vandalia (PAIV) Committee with additional sponsorship from the Vandalia Cultural Arts Program (VCAP) are excited to present the 6<sup>th</sup> Vandalia “Art Parked” Sculpture Exhibit 2020-21, a free outdoor sculpture exhibit on display through April, 2021 at the Vandalia Art Park. PAIV worked with Midwest Sculpture Initiative (MSI) to provide the eight sculptures for this year-long exhibit.

*The eight MSI pieces are for sale and a portion of each sale will go toward funding of future exhibits. Contact MSI for more information, 517-486-4591. MSI’s mission is to provide outdoor sculpture exhibitions throughout the Midwest, promote cooperation among art and civic organizations, advance the role that the visual arts play in the quality of life and increase economic development.*



## **Vandalia Cultural Art 2020 Images Exhibit**

### **“Looking at You” by Theresa Smith**

The Vandalia Cultural Arts Committee is pleased to present this collection of photography by local artist Theresa Smith. The VCAP Committee selected her submission for this year’s exhibit. These images will be displayed along the Treble Clef Trail during the year-long exhibit through April 2021. More information about this on the reverse side of this sign.



## **New Sculptural Musical Instruments**

The Vandalia-Butler Foundation partnered with Vandalia Cultural Art, Vandalia Public Art and the City of Vandalia to sponsor the new musical instruments. These sculptural sound instruments are made by Harmony Free Notes and provide an accessible experience for outdoor musical enjoyment.



## **The Vandalia Rotary Amphitheater**

The Phases I and II of the Vandalia Rotary Amphitheater were completed in the Spring of 2019 with funding from Vandalia Rotary Club and donated labor from R. B. Jergens Company....a HUGE “Thank You” is owed to both donors. Electricity was



added to the stage area in the Fall of 2020 paid for by the City of Vandalia. Work is in progress to design and fund the amphitheater shelter, restroom and additional asphalt walkways.

## **The 2020 Bottlecap Art Totems**

In 2019 a committee was formed from volunteers to remake the entryway totems at the front of the Vandalia Art Park. The original totems were 24 individually designed mosaic sections created by citizens. The weather caused damage to the mosaics and it was decided to replace them with re-cycled plastic bottle caps on PVC. Citizens donated the caps and 10 segments were designed and assembled by local citizens or groups.