



# ARTS in Our Parks: Bringing Arts, Culture & People Together







Primary goal is for **CREATIVITY**,  
**INNOVATION** and **ART** to sit at the heart  
of all future developments in the park.







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# ART IN THE PARK: Permanent & Temporary Exhibits



Jaume Plensa's *Nomade* at Des Moines Art Center in Des Moines, IA



Artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude installed 7,503 vinyl "gates" along 23 miles (37 km) of pathways in Central Park in New York City. From each gate hung a panel of deep saffron-colored nylon fabric. The exhibit ran from February 12, 2005 through February 27, 2005. According to Christo's web site, all told, 7503 individual gates were installed.





# ART IN THE PARK: Creativity in Every Corner



**'Playground' by artist Tom Otterness  
Aspinwall Riverfront Park, USA**





# EVENTS: Seasonal & Annual



**CHICAGO:** Chicago Summer Dance: Annual summer community dance event. Swing, waltz, cha-cha...or simply enjoy the music. All FREE!

**INDIANAPOLIS:** CHREECE Hip Hop Festival is an all-ages, hip-hop festival in the historical district of Fountain Square Indianapolis with six indoor and outdoor stages featuring forty diverse rappers, producers and DJs from all over Indiana. The festival has sold-out the last two years in a row. Info on the 2017 Chreece Festival will be posted soon.





# EVENTS: On-going & Informal



## Food Truck Events:

Typically features music and other activities, but the focus is on the food.

**IDADA**  
INDIANAPOLIS DOWNTOWN ARTISTS & DEALERS ASSOCIATION

**First Friday Art Tour**

**INDIANAPOLIS:** First Fridays is a monthly, city-wide art event occurring every First Friday of the year throughout the city showcasing art exhibition, performances, etc. This event was at the Walker Theatre.





# PROGRAMS: Pop-up & Specialty Programs



**INDIANAPOLIS:** Arts for All Workshop  
entitled Quilts for Social Justice event  
presented at various Indy Park facilities.



**DETROIT:** Wood Workshop  
at Sit On It Detroit in  
Detroit, Michigan



# PARTNERS: Unique Art Partnerships



## Artist in Residence Program

**NATIONWIDE:** National Park's Artist-in-Residence Program seeks professional artists including writers, musicians, craftsmen, composers, painters, sculptors, photographers, storytellers, performance artists, and videographers whose work is engaged in issues that are relevant to the park's interpretive themes ..

**CHICAGO:** Arts Partners in Residence at the Chicago Park District: This program assesses a park's available space and programming needs. Parks are matched with non-profit arts organizations in a barter relationship.





# What can a “SIGNIFICANT ART” component look like?

**Example: Chicago's Millennium Park**

(Wikipedia):

The *Financial Times*

describes

Millennium Park as "an extraordinary public park that is set to create new iconic images of the city", and further notes

that it is "a genuinely 21st-century interactive park [that] could trigger a new way of thinking about public outdoor spaces" . . . The park is

praised as a "showcase of art and urban design" by the *San Francisco Chronicle*.





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**Millennium Park:** Discover a state-of-the-art collection of architecture, landscape design and art that provide the backdrop for hundreds of free cultural programs including concerts, exhibitions, tours, and family activities. In Millennium Park, you'll find a new kind of town square – a lively, spectacular gathering spot located in the heart of the city and a destination for Chicagoans and visitors alike.

