

Contact: Sharon Morrissey

Governors State University

Email: sbanaszak@govst.edu

708.235.2812

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Opens with Something New In Honor of International Sculpture Day
University Park, IL: April showers bring May flowers. April is known for many things, usually celebrating the coming of balmy days and, at last, extended sunlight. It is also the month where the world will join in celebration of sculpture during the 2nd annual International Sculpture Day, or IS Day. On Sunday, April 24, 2016, over 300 artists, organizations and institutions across 20 countries are expected to celebrate the day with open studios, unveiling public sculptures, sculpture scavenger hunts, pop-up exhibitions, demonstrations, iron pours, and more.

Your neighborhood sculpture park, The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP), located on the campus of Governors State University, is celebrating too - and with something new. Most parks open their doors for free on IS Day. The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is free, 365 days per year. So, Director Geoffrey Bates and the Park's all-volunteer community board decided on a more contemporary way to "open up" the park for the community.

The NMSP will launch a new, free APP on IS Day (April 24) for visitors that will unveil an enhanced way to experience this great community resource. Some of the features include:

- . A real time walking guide within the park . Driving directions to the park . A way to access images of the 32 artworks . History and details about the artworks
- . Sound-bites or personal statements by many of the artists, including Mary Miss, John Henry, Martin Puryear, Bruce Nauman, Barry Tinsley, Mike Baur, Terry Karpowicz, and more.

Download the free APP and be ready to walk the park on IS Day!

With Apple phones, go to the Apple Store and search for Otocast. With Android phones, go to GooglePlay and search for Otocast to download.

Also in April, the NMSP will be hosting a chartered bus tour leaving from GSU's campus. "Hyde Park: Public & Private," will be presented April 16 from 8:30 - 5:45p.m. The tour includes stops at the Hyde Park Art Center, the University of Chicago's Smart Museum, Lunch at The Currency Exchange Café, a visit to Stony Island Arts Bank, and more. Chicago residents may join the group in Hyde Park. For complete details and to reserve a space, visit www.govst.edu/sculpture or call 708.235.7559.

The International Sculpture Center (ISC) founded IS Day, and is a member-supported, nonprofit organization founded in 1960 to champion the creation and understanding of sculpture and its unique, vital contribution to society. For more information, visit <http://sculpture.org/isday>.

Governors State University's Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park provides the Chicagoland region with a premier presentation of large-scale contemporary sculpture. Programs and events present the landscape and sculpture in new and unexpected ways that are both educational and inspiring. Thirty-two large-scale works are currently sited across over 100 acres of prairie landscape and are accessible to the public free-of-charge from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. For more information about the park and its programs, visit our website at www.govst.edu/sculpture.

###