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“GOLF THE GALLERIES” HOLE DESIGN WINNERS CHOSEN, EXHIBIT OPENS MAY 31

—Tee Time! Mini Golf Themed Benefit Event to Take Place June 13 —

ST. LOUIS - The Sheldon Art Galleries is pleased to announce the winners of the 2nd annual *Golf the Galleries* Call to Artists competition. The playable, artist-designed, nine-hole mini golf installation scheduled to open for a viewing on May 31, 2019 from 5-8 p.m., will again be situated in the beautiful Sheldon Art Galleries space, and is designed to be inclusive, family-friendly and accessible. The nine unique mini golf holes are designed by St. Louis area artists, architects and other creatives and runs through August 10, 2019. Play begins on Saturday, June 1. Tickets are \$10 adults / \$6 children; Sheldon members: \$8 adult / \$4 children. More information can be found at TheSheldon.org.

Maker/Sponsors for this year’s exhibit include Andy van Mater for the architecture and design firm **Cannon Design**, who made the beautiful “Warped Tour” hole (#1) for *Golf the Galleries* in 2018. This year, van Mater’s design, “Decisions, Decisions,” uses a mechanical elevator to raise the ball into a branching system that distributes it into a complex series of toggled paths aimed to educate, entertain and fascinate. Depending on the player’s toggle choices, the ball can drop nearer to or farther from the hole.

Also returning as a Maker/Sponsor is the **World Chess Hall of Fame**, who will create a chess/mini golf experience using the beach as its theme.

New this year is architecture and design firm **Christner Inc.**, whose design will be announced soon. Christner’s major architectural design projects have included the design for the lower level galleries at the Pulitzer Arts Foundation; the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, William H. Danforth Wing; and the Stephen and Peter Sachs Museum Rehabilitation at the Missouri Botanical Garden, among many others.

Individual artists include the artist team **D. Lohr Barkley and Elisa Forgelman** with “Pinwheel Dreamland,” a playful and surreal riff on retro amusement parks. The hole features a large candy dispenser-inspired figure and many pinwheels, which activate when the ball goes in the hole.

Justin King returns with another magical animal world, this time an undersea experience called “Kraken’s Cove,” with a giant octopus to putt around and through, and a room decorated with sea life—all made out of recycled cardboard.

Theater scene designer and master puppeteer **Ryan Marshall**, who is Director of Design for the Veiled Prophet Parade and also works for The Muny and for Bob Kramer’s Marionettes, creates a miniature version of the Fabulous Fox Theatre.

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Recycled carpet remnants play a role in two designs this year. **Constance Vale**, an Assistant Professor of Architecture at the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis, creates “The Carpet is Pinker on the Other Side,” a sculptural and spatial experience which upends the idea of “floor” by creating a looped course in which carpeting is the theme, and **Kelley Van Dyck Murphy**, also an Assistant Professor of Architecture at the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, offers “36.9, -89.6,” a mini golf hole that reinterprets the patterns of the rural landscape in carpet pieces as a field for play.

A winning entry by the **Wilson School in Clayton**, whose 5th grade math class studies the geometry and science of mini golf by designing shoebox-sized mini golf holes to illustrate the concept of “angle of incidence = angle of reflection,” was also selected by the jury team. “Lollipop Lane,” by now 6th-grader, Lauren C., presents a colorful landscape populated by candy, candy and more candy. Players must navigate a candy “sand-pit,” bowl and other candy-themed obstacles while a colorful candy tree provides “shade” for players.

Hole sponsors include Ted Wight and Mary Strauss. A select group of individual holes are still available for sponsorship. Call The Sheldon’s Development Department at 314-533-9900 for more information.

Tee Time!, a fundraiser for the Sheldon Art Galleries, will be held in conjunction with *Golf the Galleries* on **Thursday, June 13 from 5:30 – 9 p.m.** The fun-filled event will include the chance to enter a mini golf tourney with a team of up to four players, hors d’oeuvres, cocktails, a tax deduction and a silent auction. Team Tickets start at \$500 for a team of up to 4 players. Spectator tickets are \$100 and include cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and a tax deduction. Tickets and sponsorships are available through The Sheldon’s Development Department at 314-533-9900 or at TheSheldon.org/TeeTime. Tee Time! is co-chaired by Mike Mixon. The event is sponsored by Ryan C. Easley.

For more information about *Golf the Galleries* or the **Tee Time!** gallery benefit, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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