



CREATING A MUSEUM WITHOUT WALLS WITH ACCESS TO ALL

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To whom it may concern,

I am the Marketing Director for Sculpture Walk Springfield (SWS) in Springfield, Missouri. SWS places sculptures in pedestrian accessible areas of Springfield's downtown with the mission of "Creating a museum without walls with access to all." SWS's third collection of 21 sculptures was installed in April 2018 and we were lucky to receive and accept a submission from Craig Gray. Last summer, I discovered Mr. Gray through another public art program and reached out to him to submit for our collection.

Craig immediately responded to my e-mail with interest in submitting and our selection committee chose his sculpture, "Slices of Heaven" to be a part of our third collection. My initial hesitation with reaching out to Craig was his location: Florida Keys, Florida. That's a long way to travel to Missouri and we do not have a huge budget for shipping. Craig was incredibly accommodating and chose to drive his sculpture to us and install it himself. He arrived the day before our big reveal so that he could install his piece and celebrate with us at our public reveal and private donor brunch. He was prompt in completing paperwork, contracts and he has been an invaluable source of knowledge having participated in so many other public art programs.

Craig's sculptures are whimsical, fun, and, most importantly, attractive. Tourists and residents alike have been sharing photos on social media since the day that Craig installed his piece. He is a joy to work with, his sculptures are excellently constructed, and he is very reliable. I, personally, look forward to working with him more in the future.

If you have any specific questions about working with Craig, please feel free to contact me at shannon@sculpturewalkspringfield.org.

Sincerely yours,
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