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Raccoon Valley Centre for the Arts to display Works by Sturdevant at Jazz in July concert on July 20

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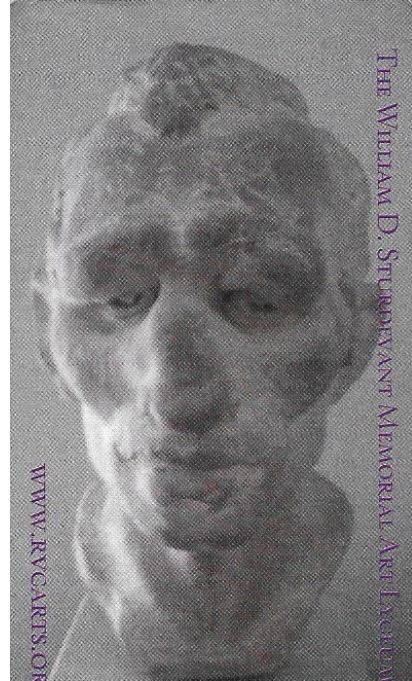
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The Foxtrot Hot Shots will perform on Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 PM on the Hoyt Sherman Place lawn as part of the Metro Arts' Jazz In July concert series.

In addition to the Foxtrot Hot Shots performance, Raccoon Valley Centre for the Arts will be showcasing *Iowa's Lost Artist – William D. Sturdevant – Rediscovered*. A select showing of works from the collection of The William D. Sturdevant Memorial Art Lyceum, which will be on-display during the Jazz in July event. The showing of the artwork by Sturdevant, a native-Iowa-son, will be visible on the covered terrace just outside of the Theater doors. This presentation is free to the public and will begin after 4:30PM. Several of the sculptures and paintings that will be displayed have not been viewed in public for nearly 50 years.

Sturdevant was the recipient of the Des Moines Women's Club of Hoyt Sherman Art Committee Award in 1942. A Drake University Alumni, the art award launched his artistic-career, and for nearly three decades Sturdevant's artwork was displayed in New York City, Boston, Chicago, California, Mexico City, and Tokyo... Yet now, with this display, his work has truly come home to where it all began: Hoyt Sherman Place!

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A sculpture, painter, print-maker, father, and Regional Art-Educator, William D. Sturdevant was a prolific artist. His work evinces the progression of American Art from his earliest contemporaries (Wood, Benton, Curry, and Lind) in the Regionalist/Social-Realism genre and bridges into the American Modern-Abstract Expressionist movement.

This an all-ages show and free to the general public. Food trucks and beverages will be available on-site to serve guests. More information on the Jazz In July concert series can be found at <https://metroarts.org>.

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