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# SILVER SKATE FESTIVAL

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*...invites snow sculpture artists to apply to the*

## 13th ANNUAL International Snow Sculpture Symposium

**February 8, 9, 10 2019**

Hawrelak Park, Edmonton, Alberta

### **SNOW SCULPTURE COMPETITION**



**Application Deadline:**  
**Sunday, November 16, 2018**

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**FESTIVAL:**  
February 8-18, 2019

**THIS EVENT:**  
February 8, 9, 10, 2019

# 13th ANNUAL International Snow Sculpture Symposium

## An event of the Silver Skate Festival

Bringing together art, sport, recreation, and culture.

**In a spirit of mutual support and cooperation**, teams of local, national and international artists will come together to create Edmonton's largest snow sculpture garden at the 13th Annual International Snow Sculpture Symposium. The symposium is one of the premier events of the Silver Skate Festival in picturesque William Hawrelak Park, the crown jewel of the City of Edmonton's River Valley Park System.

The Silver Skate International Snow Sculpture Symposium has no official theme. The festival does not want to limit the creative possibilities of the teams of artists applying. It is amazing what can be created in this ephemeral medium and the chosen teams will reflect the dynamic and diverse possibilities of snow as a sculptural medium.

### Awards

Completed snow sculptures will be entered in voting for two awards: an artists' choice award, and a people's choice award. Winners will be announced at 4:00pm on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

### Food and beverages

An opening reception for the festival will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019 for artists, community members and dignitaries. A light lunch and dinner will be provided on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. A warm up trailer with snacks will be provided during the entire festival. Food concessions are available on site.

### Guidelines

- Two or three-person teams may enter. No one-person teams will be allowed.
- Team Captain will represent the team and act as the team's liaison.
- Teams must submit and work from original designs only. The original design must not have been produced in snow at any other event.
- Each team will be provided a block of snow, 8 feet high x 8 feet wide x 8 feet deep (2.438 meters high x 2.438 meters wide x 2.438 meters deep.)
- The carving area is approximately 20 feet x 20 feet (6.096 meters x 6.096 meters)
- The footprint of each finished sculpture cannot extend more than approximately 3 feet or 1 meter from each edge of the original snow block.
- Sculptors competing must supply their own sculpting tools. You are responsible for the safety and security of all your carving tools and equipment. A secure lock up area will be provided.
- Each team will be provided a ladder and snow shovels to remove debris from your site.
- Electrical tools will be allowed for the first two days of the symposium. Some chainsaws may be available, we encourage teams to supply their own.
- Daily symposium hours will be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday February 8 & 9, 2019. Finishing touches can be done between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 10, 2019. Hours may be extended if weather conditions dictate. Any changes to competition hours will be at the discretion of the Silver Skate Festival.

### How to Apply

Complete the attached application form. Include your resume, photographs of previous snow sculpture experience (if applicable), and basic design sketch of your proposed sculpture – include top, front, back and side views (photos of a model are welcome). Send the above to:

Silver Skate Festival  
2019 Snow Sculpture Symposium  
10212 112th Street  
Edmonton AB T5K 1M4

Email (PDF only) to [info@silverskatefestival.org](mailto:info@silverskatefestival.org)

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Guidelines continued...

- Artists will remove all tools and debris by 3 p.m. on February 10, 2019 and ensure their site is ready for presentation.
- Blocks of snow and sculpture location for individual teams will be determined by lottery.
- Participants will work within the timelines given.
- Breaks are at the discretion of the artist.
- The only materials allowed are snow and water. Natural snow and water may be used as a bonding agent only. No props, decoration or coloring of the snow sculpture is allowed.

## Remuneration

- The participation honorarium in 2019 is \$1150 for each team invited to participate in the competition.
- A travel allowance will be given to a team of artist's dependent on the travel distance to Edmonton: \$200 for a team traveling 500 kilometers or more, \$250 for a team traveling 1000 kilometers or more, \$500 for a team traveling 2000 kilometers or more.
- Accommodation for out of town teams will be provided from Thursday, February 7, 2019 to the morning of Tuesday, February 12, 2019. Transportation will be provided to and from the airport and to and from the site for out of town artists during the symposium. Only one room per team will be provided.
- Some sightseeing opportunities may be provided during your stay in Edmonton.
- **IMPORTANT:** The legal name of the captain of each team must be used in your application as payment is typically done in the form of a cheque to the captain of each team. The name on the cheque must also appear on artists passport to ensure there are no problems cashing the cheque at the bank. The Silver Skater Festival will assist international team with the cheque cashing process.

**Note:** Personal expenses such as room service, mini-bar, alcoholic beverages, long distance charges and parking will be at sculptors' expense. **A credit card will be required upon check-in to ensure payment of personal expenses.**

## Insurance

All participants must acquire personal health insurance coverage prior to the event and international artist must provide proof of insurance prior to their arrival in Canada and send proof of insurance to the event coordinator. They will not be able to acquire health insurance coverage once in Edmonton. The Silver Skate Festival Society will not be held responsible for healthcare claims, theft, losses or damages incurred during the event.

## Safety

Each participant is responsible for their own safety as well as the safety of other competitors and the public. A signed waiver will be required from each participant. The Festival reserves the right to remove any sculpture that they determine to be a safety hazard and sculptors are responsible for the safe design of their sculpture.

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You must complete the application form (see end of this document).

With the application form please submit your resume, photographs of previous snow sculpture experience, if applicable and basic design sketch of your proposed sculpture. Please include a top, front, back and side view of the sculpture. Photographs of a model of the sculpture are welcome.

We regret that major revisions cannot be allowed once your design has been accepted for the competition.

## Deadline: Nov. 16, 2018

A maximum of 10 sculptures will be selected for the 2019 symposium.

To accommodate the necessity of travel arrangements for out of province and international applications will be juried immediately after the **November 16, 2018 deadline**. Successful applicants will be notified no later than November 30, 2018. Late applications will only be considered if there is a need for additional artists.

## Eligibility

Any artist may apply to be considered for the Silver Skate Snow Sculpture Symposium. Preference will be given to those artists with snow sculpture experience.

## Ownership

All sculptures become the property of the Silver Skate Festival when completed.

Silver Skate retains exclusive rights to the sculpture and may use any photographs, videos, or reproductions in any commercial application. Others interested in the use of the snow sculptures must receive written permission from the Silver Skate Festival.

## Contract and Waivers

Participants will be required to sign the appropriate waiver included in their package before competing in the snow sculpture event. Proof of medical insurance is required by each of the participating sculptor.

**ARTISTS ENTRY APPLICATION FORM AND RELEASE WAIVER**

**Team Captain  
 Full Name**

Mailing Address

City

Postal Code/ZIP

Country

Home Phone

Work Phone

Fax

Email

**Team Name:**

**Additional Team Member Names** (1 per line):

**Your submission must include:**

- 8.5"x11" sketch of intended design. Label your design to include contact information (name & phone number) and title of your piece. Drawings of side, top and back views are encouraged.
- Photos of sculpture model welcome.
- Your resume.
- Examples of past work.

**Contract/Waiver**

The Silver Skate Festival requires that you read and sign this contract and waiver:

"In consideration of the Silver Skate Festival Society (SSFS) accepting my entry to the 13th Annual International Silver Skate Festival Snow Sculpture Symposium 2019 at Hawrelak Park, Edmonton, Alberta I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrator, and assigns, forever release and forever discharge all claims of negligence. I discharge all claims of negligence against the SSFS, City of Edmonton, and their servants, agents, and sponsors, supporters, employees or volunteers. I declare that my physical condition, to the best of my knowledge is adequate to participate in the 13th Annual International Snow Sculpture Symposium 2019."

**An Artist Fee of \$1150 will be given to each team invited to participate in the competition.**

**"I understand and agree to all the terms and conditions of this application to the 13th Annual International Snow Sculpture Symposium at the 2019 Silver Skate Festival."**

Team Captain  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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**Received:**

SSF Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date