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MVC TO HOST SCULPTURE EXHIBIT ON CAMPUS

First two sculptures installed with three more works to be in place by April 15.

Marshall, Mo. (March 26, 2010)—The newest campus visitors arrived Thursday on the MVC campus, and they will be here for a while. Artists Skip Willits and Kristen Garnant installed their sculptures as part of MVC's rotating sculpture exhibit.

Three other artists will install works before April 15 in the first year of the exhibit. The sculptures will remain on campus until July 2011, at which time new sculptures will be installed.

"I have seen these types of rotating exhibits on several campuses, and I thought this would be an excellent opportunity to get artwork on our campus," said MVC President Bonnie Humphrey. "There are great artists throughout the U.S., and I was thrilled with the response we received when we asked them to display their work on campus in Marshall. I think the art chosen for the inaugural year is spectacular. I think it will provoke a lot of conversation, and I can't wait to see it grow."

A call for work was sent to artists all over the U.S. Several entries were submitted and the committee chose five works that they felt would be a good fit for the MVC campus.

"We tried to find a variety of sculptures—some shiny, some colorful—that would get more members of the campus community family interested in art," Charity Woodard, MVC assistant professor of art and exhibit organizer. "The buzz this week on campus has been extraordinary, and it seems that there are so many people excited about the sculptures on the way and the rotation of new pieces in years to come."

In addition to Willits's "River Marker" and Garnant's "River Siren," the other sculptures that will be installed are Matt Moyer's "Kubota Orange Dinosaurs," Robert Thorpe's "Up and Down," and Chris Morrey's "Horsemen."

According to exhibit committee members, signage will be installed, and a flyer for walking tours that further explains the artists and each sculpture will be available in mid-April.

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****Photos of artwork available upon request.**

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