

David Zahn - Concept Statement & Description of Proposed Work

The sculpture that I am proposing for the fourth bridge sculpture project is an imaginative bronze figure. The final work will be 8 feet tall, and weigh about 300 pounds. The imagery of the piece will be that of a dancing female figure emerging from flowing abstract forms. As the forms spiral upward the person becomes more apparent. This artwork has an interesting view from every angle. The figure is of a woman who is moving and turning in a loose pirouette. In the sculpture both abstract and realistic styles are blended together.

The art forms of both music and dance are clearly represented in this piece. I also thought of the artist Matisse and his paper cut figures when coming up with the simple gestural aspects of the pose. The sculpting style at the base is reminiscent of the famous sculpture from 1913 "Unique Forms of Continuity" by Umberto Boccioni. Although not a cubist style artwork, my piece is similar to cubist art where the viewer is challenged a bit to figure out exactly what is going on. The sculptures design is one that people with a wide range of art viewing experience or taste can find it interesting to look at and understand.

To exemplify the theme of " Art ", I feel that the work must be an artistic, creative representation of its subject matter. I also feel strongly that the subject for this sculpture should be that of a human image. People create art for pure enjoyment and the making of art is one of the things that gives us our humanity. When you think of "Art", you may think of music, painting, sculpture, poetry, dance, etc. but you probably think of people doing it. I believe my image of a dancing figure in its eclectic and artistic style is a great way to express the theme of art.

(see photos of the maquette designed for this project on the following pages)



These two photos are of the maquette that I designed for this project. The final work will be cast in bronze. I will use an Illinois based foundry to cast it. The sculpture will be 8 feet tall and about 3 1/2 feet at the widest point.