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## 'Prometheus I' Wins Sculpture Walk Peoria People's Choice Award

**Peoria, IL** – Sculpture Walk Peoria is pleased to announce “Prometheus I” by Elizabeth Johnson, as the winner of the 2019 People’s Choice Award. Over 600 unique votes were cast in this year’s contest, which began on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the opening weekend of the Sculpture Walk and continued through the end of September. The public had the opportunity to vote for their favorite sculpture on-line as well as in person at Sculpture Walk Peoria tours and related events. As winner of the award, Elizabeth Johnson will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.

“I’m overwhelmed by the public’s response to this piece and honored to receive the People’s Choice Award”, stated Elizabeth Johnson who created the winning sculpture in cast bronze. Elizabeth received her Bachelor of Science from Bradley University where she continues to take graduate level sculpture courses. This piece marks her first venture into large scale bronze work. Says the artist of her work, “Prometheus I” serves as the first trial of man as he introduces himself to nature. He is the engineer that understands the tension of nature, allowing it to manipulate him while representing compromise and the release of instability.”

“Prometheus I” will continue to be on display as part of the 2019 Sculpture Walk Peoria exhibit through March of 2020. The annually rotating juried art walk features 9 sculptures from nationally renowned artists, located on Washington Street between Fulton Street and the Bob Michel Bridge. Maps are available along the route and at the Peoria Riverfront Museum lobby. A self-guided audio tour narrated by the artists is available for smart phones by going to the App Store and searching “Otocast”. For more information on Sculpture Walk Peoria, please visit [www.artspartners.net/swp](http://www.artspartners.net/swp).

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