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And The 2019 People’s Choice Winner Is...

Lake Oswego, Oregon—Arts Council of Lake Oswego is thrilled to announce the winner of the 2019 People’s Choice Award, Guerma en Inverno, by New Mexico artist Jamie Burnes. Each year, five sculptures from the rotating exhibition are nominated for the People’s Choice Award by a committee made up of civic leaders, artists, and local residents. The sculpture with the most votes becomes a part of the City’s award-winning public art collection and is enjoyed by citizens and visitors for years to come.

“Cor-ten steel, known for its stable, yet weathered appearance and locust wood add up to a towering bull that will now be a part of the permanent collection and adorn the streets of Lake Oswego. Commitment from the City of Lake Oswego each year for the People’s Choice award is a testament to its ongoing support to beautifying its public spaces and city streets” said Stephanie Johnson, Arts Council of Lake Oswego’s Public Art and Program Manager. “This year’s voting was tight among three of the five nominees with Guerma en Inverno walking away with the most votes! Jamie Burnes’ work is playful and life-like layering textures, materials, and forms.”

This year, the Arts Council had an overwhelming amount of votes to tally. People living or working in Lake Oswego were eligible and over 600 votes came in online, and through drop boxes located throughout the City.

Gallery Without Walls was introduced in 2001 and has evolved over the years to include 30 on loan works and over 50 permanent sculptures with a total of 80 pieces throughout the City by artists of local, regional, and international acclaim. The People’s Choice winner will be highlighted at the Gallery Without Walls Celebration September 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Sunnyleaf Plaza, along with many of the new 2019-21 sculpture artists. The event will have kids’ activities, a drawing rally with artwork for sale, food, docent-led tours, and more. Proceeds from the drawing rally artwork will go toward the Arts Council for education and outreach programming.
The Arts Council of Lake Oswego is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and its mission is to ensure that the arts are an integral part of Lake Oswego.

**About the Arts Council of Lake Oswego:** The Arts Council of Lake Oswego works to ensure that the arts are an integral part of life in our community, now and into the future. The Arts Council is located at 510 - 520 1st Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. For more information visit [www.artscouncillo.org](http://www.artscouncillo.org) or call 503-675-3738.

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