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Urbana Invites the Public to a dedication for John David Mooney’s Art in the Park Installation

The City of Urbana invites the public to a dedication for the Art in the Park installation designed by Champaign County-born and internationally acclaimed artist John David Mooney. **The dedication will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 14 just north of the Urbana City Building at 400 S. Vine Street in Urbana, on the corner of Green Street and Vine Street.** Light refreshments will be available and brief comments by Mayor Prussing and the artist will begin at 5:30 PM. This event is free and open to the public. A rain location will be the Urbana City Council Chambers.

Art in the Park consists of *Spirit Tree*, a monumental steel light sculpture that faces Vine Street and *Falling Leaf*, a fountain sculpture surrounded by decorative mounds. Inspired by Urbana as a Tree City U.S.A, Mr. Mooney has created a permanent public art installation that celebrates the natural environment and provides moments of respite and reflection within the City Building complex. Mr. Mooney has created significant public art works worldwide, notably for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the Vatican, and the Tribune Tower in Chicago, IL.

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