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CELEBRATED MAN IN THE CITY PUBLIC ART PROJECT COMES TO THE ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

International sculpture project is the first of its kind to come to Ann Arbor

[ANN ARBOR, MI, September 9, 2020]— The Ann Arbor Art Center (A2AC) is proud to host a Man in the City sculpture atop its historic Walker Carriage Works Building. The project is the brainchild of artist, activist, and teacher, John Sauve. Sauve, a Detroit native, has activated numerous skylines with his celebrated orange fedora-wearing silhouetted men. The installation is the newest addition to A2AC Murals (the public art project currently taking shape in the downtown area), an initiative of the Art Center's Art in Public Program.

The Man in the City International Sculpture Project is comprised of over 100 sculptures and growing, located on rooftops throughout the cities of Detroit and Windsor. John Sauve created the Man in the City project in 2008 and has exhibited it in Benton Harbor, Michigan, on New York City's Highline, and most recently on New York City's Governors Island. The Man in the City Project creates a metaphor for life that transforms the skyline and encourages people to look around. In the discovery process one becomes aware of their own sense of place within the City.

The brightly-colored figures are not only a way to highlight historical buildings (the Walker Carriage Works Building dates back to 1870 and is a part of the Liberty Street Historic District), it has also acted as a springboard for Sauve to engage youth in meaningful workshops that shows them how they can visualize a project and see it to the end, something the A2AC looks forward to being a part of in the future when it is safe to do so.

"It is exciting to install this piece in Ann Arbor and build connections that can foster more art experiences for youth and be seen by the public. I look forward to more collaborations after such a great installation experience.", says Sauve.

Learn more about the artist at johnwsauve.tumblr.com/

Learn more about A2AC Murals project at annarborartcenter.org/art-in-public/murals/

About the Ann Arbor Art Center: For over a century, the nonprofit Ann Arbor Art Center has been sparking creativity in people of all ages, backgrounds, and artistic abilities. Our mission is to be a contemporary forum for the visual arts through education, exploration, collaboration, and exhibition, and to engage minds, expand perspectives, and inspire growth in students of all ages, teachers, artists, and the community. We are empowered to carry out our mission through the support of individuals, corporations, and foundations who believe in the value of our work, and in creativity's essential role in sustaining and elevating our common experience. In fulfilling our mission the Art Center serves as a regional hub for the visual arts and prioritizes the long-standing partnerships we cultivate as a keystone for Ann Arbor's healthy ecosystem of cultural and civic life.

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