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**Laumeier Sculpture Park Presents 28th Annual Art Fair
on Mother's Day Weekend**

(ST. LOUIS, MO)—Laumeier Sculpture Park presents its 28th Annual Art Fair on Mother's Day weekend, May 8–10, 2015. More than 15,000 patrons attend this annual three-day event on Mother's Day weekend, featuring local food vendors, live music and 150 juried artists exhibiting work in ten categories. Media categories include ceramics, fiber/textiles, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography/digital, printmaking/drawing, sculpture and wood.

Highlights of the weekend include Friday evening's Art of the Vine, a special wine tasting event featuring unlimited samples from the following participating wineries: Blumenhof Winery, Bommarito Estate Almond Tree Winery, Noboleis Vineyards, Peaceful Bend Vineyard, Stone Hill Winery and Sugar Creek Winery. Saturday afternoon's Art of the Ale, presented by Schlafly, features a special beer tasting and Q&A, including unlimited samples of classic, seasonal and special-release Schlafly beers. The City of Sunset Hills Music Festival on Saturday afternoon features performances by Miss Jubilee & the Humdingers, The Dust Covers and One More Round. Laumeier's Creation Location for Kids, free with Art Fair admission, is open throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, offering family activities and entertainment. Finally, Sunday morning's popular Mother's Day Brunch, presented by Whole Foods Market, features a lively, family-friendly atmosphere reflecting the casual elegance of the Art Fair itself.

Laumeier received more than 500 artist applications for this year's Art Fair. All artists ages 18 and up who exhibit work of original concept, design and execution are eligible to apply; total participation is limited to 150 artists. The 2015 Jury Panel included Michael Behle, Assistant Teaching Professor of Art, University of Missouri-St. Louis; Katherine Rodway Vega, Director, William Shearburn Gallery; and Freida L. Wheaton, Founder, Alliance of Black Art Galleries.

Cash and prizes totaling \$5,000 are awarded to those artists judged the best overall, regardless of media category, on Saturday, May 9. The 2015 Judges Panel includes Freida L. Wheaton and Marilu Knode, Executive Director & Chief Curator, Laumeier Sculpture Park. This year's Art Fair features more than 15 returning award winners.

What: 28th Annual Art Fair

Where: Laumeier Sculpture Park, 12580 Rott Road, Saint Louis, Missouri 63127

When: Friday, May 8, 6:00–10:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Admission: \$10, Ages 12 and up; \$5, Ages 6 to 11; Free, Ages 5 and under

Special Events: Art of the Vine
Friday, May 8, 6:00–9:00 p.m.
\$12, Ages 21 and up
Art Fair admission required

Art of the Ale, presented by Schlafly
Saturday, May 9, 5:00–8:00 p.m.
\$10, Ages 21 and up
Art Fair admission required

Mother's Day Brunch, presented by Whole Foods Market
Sunday, May 10, 10:15 and 11:45 a.m.
\$50, Ages 12 and up; \$15, Ages 6 to 11; Free, Ages 5 and under
\$40 for Laumeier Members

Tickets for Art Fair, Art of the Vine and Art of the Ale can be purchased at the gate or in advance at www.laumeier.org.
Tickets for the Mother's Day Brunch must be purchased online in advance at www.laumeier.org.

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Images: 2015 Annual Art Fair artwork, courtesy Amy Faulkenberry, featuring Dré Wapenaar's *Treetent*, 2005, and Alexander Liberman's *The Way*, 1972-80.

High-resolution photos from 2014 and 2015 (after the event) available at:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/laumeierstl/sets/>.

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Laumeier Sculpture Park is a living laboratory where artists and audiences explore the relationship between contemporary art and the natural environment. Founded in 1976, Laumeier is one of the first and largest dedicated sculpture parks in the country, making it an institution of international significance as well as a unique complement to the cultural landscape of the St. Louis region. Laumeier is a nonprofit, accredited art museum that operates in partnership with St. Louis County Parks. Projects and programs are supported by the Mark Twain Laumeier Endowment Fund, the Regional Arts Commission, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Missouri Arts Council and the Arts and Education Council of St. Louis. Laumeier presents 60 works of large-scale outdoor sculpture in a 105-acre park available free to the public year-round, and serves 300,000 patrons annually through temporary exhibitions, education programs, public events and sculpture conservation.