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## **THE PLAZA PROJECT DEBUTS 800-POUND STEVE HOKANSON SCULPTURE**

Outdoor venue hosts 14-foot metal piece for Fall Exhibit

CHICAGO (October 1, 2014) — On Thursday, October 2, The Plaza Project welcomes artist, Steve Hokanson and his impressive 800-pound metal sculpture to its outdoor space. On display for the entire month of October, the striking 14-foot installation will be on showcased for daily commuters, passersby and lunch guests to enjoy, free of charge.

The piece is entitled 'In Stance' and is influenced by Hokanson's passion for industrial cast-offs and machinery. Hokanson is a uniquely talented artist known for his work in sculptural media, mostly with the use of steel, bronze and wood. His past experience is an impressive array of large-scale installations including Museum of Contemporary Art, Studio Gang Architects for Expo Chicago as well as work overseas.

"Continuing our vision of making Two North Riverside Plaza a destination for cultural experiences, we are honored to have Steve Hokanson's work displayed on the Plaza," said Bill Bartolotta, Plaza Project Creative Director. "By showcasing this fantastic piece, we hope to inspire and educate the Plaza Project's daily guests, both locals and visitors alike."

In addition to the large plaza installation, smaller pieces of his art is available for sale this Thursday, the first day of the exhibit. This event marks the return of Steve's works to the Chicago area and is the kick-off for a private exhibit of 12 to 15 other works curated by Phillip Solomonson of Philamonjaro Studio located at Lacuna Artist Lofts in Pilsen. "We are excited about reconnecting with area collectors, both old friends and new alike." Solomonson explains.

We welcome media for an advance pre-view the morning of Thursday, October 2, 11:00 AM. Hokanson's sculpture will remain on the plaza for the entire month of October. For more details, please visit [www.theplazaproject.org](http://www.theplazaproject.org).

### **About The Plaza Project**

The Plaza Project is a creative platform established to embrace the innate design of Two North Riverside Plaza, showcasing curated artistic endeavors gratis for thousands of daily visitors. The outdoor, riverfront space offers its beautiful architecture and design as a prime destination for Chicago's non-profits, corporations and individuals for various marketing and event

purposes. For more information please visit [www.theplazaproject.org](http://www.theplazaproject.org).

**About The Two North Riverside Plaza**

Two North Riverside Plaza is located on the west bank of the Chicago River directly across the water from the Chicago Civic Opera Building, nestled between two of the loop's primary thoroughfares and surrounded by some of Chicago's most powerful corporate entities. Showcasing modern American architecture, including works from the Machine Age, the building harmoniously features progressive industrial elements with accents of ancient art. Two North Riverside Plaza is a current classic that offers not only the best of location, function and design, but also direct river access and an indoor connection to Ogilvie Station, one of the city's busiest hubs for commuter traffic. Formerly established as The Chicago Daily News Building, Two North Riverside Plaza opened its doors to the public in 1929 and continues to uphold an earned artistic reputation through its innate design as well as featuring a discerning selection of Chicago's best creative talent. For more information please visit [www.twonorthriversideplaza.com](http://www.twonorthriversideplaza.com).

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