OSAF MURAL CUBES RETURN FOR SECOND YEAR OF POP-UP ART INSTALLATIONS
10 Cubes Featuring 31 Local Artists Scattered Throughout Omaha Now Through Mid-June

(OMAHA, Nebr.) May 19, 2022 – Dust off your cameras and start practicing your favorite poses, because everyone’s favorite geometric art installations are back again this summer! The Omaha Summer Arts Festival has commissioned 31 local artists to each create their own 8’ x 8’ murals. The completed murals will be assembled into ten GIANT cubes and placed throughout the City of Omaha in the following locations:

- 24th & N (in the heart of South Omaha)
- 24th & Lake (near the Union for Contemporary Art)
- 13th & Howard (on the RDG Plaza)
- 16th & Dodge (on the FNBO Plaza)
- 67th & Frances (on the HDR Stairs in the heart of Aksarben Village)
- 122nd & Maple (Tranquility Park)
- 15th & Fahey (near Kiewit University)
- Riverfront (at the base of the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge)
- 30th & Burdette (near Hardy Coffee)
- Memorial Park (near the base of the Pedestrian Bridge)

This year, OSAF is proud to collaborate with Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church to commission a special Mural Cube dedicated to the people of Ukraine. Located in Memorial Park at the base of the Pedestrian Bridge, this cube will feature artwork inspired by Ukraine, its people, history, and culture. Four local artists were specifically asked to submit Ukrainian-inspired designs: Gloria Bautista, Carol A. Ranheim, Anthony T. Peña, and Taylor Rayne Daniels.

In creating this mural, Bautista said, “I wanted to take the time to give Ukraine the recognition it deserves. It’s a beautiful country, with so much history and wisdom. They are passionate about their citizens, and how they value their country’s pride is incredibly inspiring to me. It made the process of creating this design so much more invigorating and meaningful.”

In addition to the Ukrainian-inspired Mural Cube, there will be nine other Mural Cubes scattered throughout the City of Omaha, spanning from North Omaha to South Omaha and all the way to Tranquility Park at 122nd and Maple. The Mural Cubes will be on display until mid-June – visiting them all makes for the perfect early summer scavenger hunt! For a printable PDF of all the artwork, information on the artists, and a map of all ten cubes, visit www.summerarts.org/pop-ups.

Tying the city together through art is especially important this year given the Omaha Summer Arts Festival’s move to Aksarben Village. “The goal of the Mural Cube Project, and the Omaha Summer Arts Festival in general, is to make art accessible to everyone,” said Vic Gutman, the Festival’s Executive Director. “The Mural Cube Project is just one more way for us to provide a free art experience for everyone, and to give 31 amazing local artists the opportunity to showcase their work.”

About Omaha Summer Arts Festival
The 48th annual Omaha Summer Arts Festival is Friday, June 10 through Sunday, June 12 in Aksarben Village. Over 130 artists will be showcasing art in 14 different mediums, ensuring there’s something for every taste and budget! In addition to the Artist Market, the Festival will feature live entertainment on two stages, local food vendors, strolling street performers, a Children’s Fair on Saturday and Sunday, a youth arts exhibition, and more. For more information, visit www.summerarts.org and follow the Festival on Facebook and Instagram.

The Festival is presented by FNBO, sponsored by Douglas County, The Sherwood Foundation, Kiewit, Noddle Companies, and Aksarben Village, with media partners KETV Channel 7 and Sweet 98.5.