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## **Lexington Hosts MSA Sculpture Symposium 2008**

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Lexington, KY, October 22, 2008 --- In cooperation with LexArts, the Lexington Art League and the University of Kentucky Department of Art, the Mid-South Sculpture Alliance (MSA) presents Sculpture Symposium and Exhibitions 2008. Lexington prepares to welcome sculptors, artists, art gallery owners, collectors, art educators and sculpture lovers for two days of learning, inspiration and networking on October 31 and November 1, 2008. There are still spaces available. Those interested in participating can register online by visiting [www.midsouthsculpture.org](http://www.midsouthsculpture.org).

The two-day event will feature keynote addresses by John Henry, known world-wide for his large-scale public works; Ken Rollins, Director Emeritus, Gulf Coast Museum, St. Petersburg, Florida; and Carl Billingsley, well-known iron caster whose work can be found in collections and sculpture parks all over the world. The Symposium will also feature demonstrations and tours; networking opportunities, exposure and resources for artists; and four juried sculpture exhibitions (two indoor and two outdoor) which will open for the Symposium and run for several months afterwards.

In conjunction with the Symposium, LexArts will be hosting two juried sculpture exhibitions: *Balancing Act* and *Folk Art Takes New Form*.

***Balancing Act*** is a six-month outdoor public art exhibit where each sculpture will reflect the artists' vision of balance. They will be installed at highly visible locations in downtown Lexington along Vine Street. The exhibit intends to spark artistic insight about how our community finds balance in the areas of growth, creativity and culture. *Balancing Act* will run from November 1, 2008 – April 30, 2009.

***Folk Art Takes New Form*** is an indoor exhibit at ArtsPlace Gallery, 161 North Mill Street. Running from October 31, 2008 – January 3, 2009, this 3-dimensional exhibit will feature Kentucky artists who are continuing traditional folk art techniques while using contemporary form. Traditional folk art techniques include, but are not limited to quilting, weaving, blacksmithing and found objects.

### **About LexArts**

LexArts is a non-profit community organization that works for the development of a strong and vibrant arts community as a means of enhancing the quality of life in Central Kentucky. LexArts provides a wide range of programs designed to integrate the arts into our daily lives. Through its annual *Campaign for the Arts*, LexArts has raised millions of dollars in support of local arts. In turn, LexArts underwrites the operating expenses for a variety of beneficiary organizations, offers affordable exhibition and performance space for arts organizations, as well as competitive grants for community outreach projects. Visit LexArts website at [www.lexarts.org](http://www.lexarts.org).

Major support for LexArts programs and services is provided by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, supports LexArts with state tax dollars and federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.