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## 3 new works to be unveiled on Greenwood trail

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By Saturday morning, three new public art installations will greet passers-by along Greenwood's Polk Hill Trail.

One will be a braided set of metal beams, simple yet evocative. Another is an alien-looking rural centerpiece balanced on geometric frames. Finally, a series of fantastical towers arranged in a hexagon will speak to humanity's order and uniqueness.

The three new sculptures will be officially unveiled along the city's art trail Saturday, coinciding with a communitywide celebration of creativity. Arts Alive! will feature demonstrations and classes in visual art, music, dance, quilting and cartoon illustration.

Local residents will be able to hike the art trail and take a guided tour of the three new pieces of art, speaking with the creators themselves.

"One of the main reasons we're here is to showcase the local arts. This is an opportunity and the way to do that," said Angela Stelljes, board member for the Greater Greenwood Arts Council. "People are going to find out what's in their backyard as far as the arts."

The art trail was created as a partnership between the Greater Greenwood Arts Council and the city's parks department. Artwork from all over the country was solicited to add flair to a well-traveled stretch of trail in the heart of the city.

Three pieces were installed in 2012 and displayed until this spring. Ongoing sponsors and a \$5,000 commitment from the Greenwood Park Board allowed the program to continue for a second round with new sculptures.

"I don't know of a whole lot of sculpture trails or paths anywhere around here," said Quincy Owens, a Greenwood artist who created one of the sculptures. "It's great to see the culture that's really centralized in Indianapolis is beginning to spread out into the suburbs."

Owens learned about the art trail during the call-out for the initial round. Though he didn't submit a selection that year, he decided to include a piece in this most recent call-out.

Though Owens and his fellow sculptor, Luke Crowley, intended to submit just one sculpture, organizers from the Greater Greenwood Arts Council wanted the full effect of seven pieces together.

"It's nice to feel supported in your own backyard. There aren't a lot

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of ways I'm able to be supported in Greenwood just because it's not a huge area market," he said. "To have this setup and be a part of it is really great."

The three new sculptures will be on display until 2016. To introduce them to the city, artists from throughout Greenwood will gather to show the myriad opportunities in the area. Planned activities include ukulele demonstrations, performances by the Indianapolis Children's Choir and an instrument petting zoo.

The hope is that people discover a way to express themselves creatively that maybe they didn't know about before, Stelljes said.

"There's a lot of hidden talent in the area. Art might not be their profession, but there is a passion of theirs that no one really knows about," she said. "This is all about meeting people in their own community who have that passion."

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