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## **ARTIST-DESIGNED MINI GOLF COMING TO THE SHELDON ART GALLERIES SUMMER 2018**

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon Art Galleries announces a playable, artist-designed, nine-hole mini golf installation scheduled to open in the summer of 2018. The course will be situated in the beautiful Sheldon Art Galleries space, and is designed to be inclusive and family-friendly. The nine unique mini golf holes will be designed by St. Louis area applicants, chosen via a local and regional call to artists, architects, architectural and design firms, collaborative art teams, schools and landscape architects. The exhibit will run from June 1 to August 11, 2018.

U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management and U.S. Bank FlexPerks Rewards are the title sponsors of the exhibit. “We are so excited to be partnering with U.S. Bank on this interactive project,” said Sheldon Art Galleries Director, Olivia Lahs-Gonzales. “This all-ages course will combine visual arts with the fun of mini golf to create a truly unique experience. The Sheldon Art Galleries are known for their intimacy and the presentation of high quality, culturally diverse exhibits in a wide range of genres that encourage exploration. This project will be a perfect way to draw upon these strengths. We hope that this course moves to the top of everyone’s summer activity list and we look forward to seeing the many creative hole proposals!”

Curtis Searcy, senior vice president and St. Louis market leader for U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management said, “U.S. Bank is honored to have the opportunity sponsor this new project to highlight the Sheldon Art Galleries and adjacent Sheldon Concert Hall. The Sheldon will provide a unique and wonderful opportunity to engage St. Louis families and tourists at this one of a kind event.” Searcy also adds, as a native St. Louisan, “This indoor activity will also offer the extra bonus of mini golf competition among award-winning creative designs, while beating the infamous summer heat and humidity.”

A call for design proposals for nine individual holes is now open. **Proposals are due by midnight on November 1, 2017.** Information and forms can be found here: [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org). Winning artists and teams will be asked to design and fabricate their hole designs to specifications outlined in a [Request for Proposal](#). Each winning proposal, artist or team will receive a \$500 honorarium and \$1,000 towards materials and expenses. In addition, a \$1,000 U.S. Bank VISA card reward prize for “Best Hole” will be awarded.

Individual golf hole sponsorships are available calling The Sheldon’s Development Department at 314-533-9900 for more information.

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