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With Over 50% Of This Year's Votes...the People's Choice Winner Is *Dependent Arising: Owl & Lemming*, by Artist Terresa White

Lake Oswego, Oregon- Arts Council of Lake Oswego is excited to announce the winner of the 2021 People's Choice Award, *Dependent Arising: Owl & Lemming*, by local artist, Terresa White, and sponsored by Gary and Melissa Hanifan.

This year, five sculptures were nominated from the rotating exhibition by a committee made up of civic leaders, artists, and residents. The sculpture with the most votes becomes a part of the City's award-winning public art collection (Gallery Without Walls) and is enjoyed by citizens and visitors to enjoy 24/7 for years to come.

With over 400 votes cast, an overwhelming 50% plus were in favor of White's piece. People living or working in Lake Oswego were eligible. Voting was collected through the ACLO website, mailed-in from ballots distributed through the *Lake Oswego Review*, and ballot boxes displayed outside the Arts Council's office.

The sculpture currently on view at A Avenue and 2nd Street was installed last year as part of the 2020-22 *Gallery Without Walls* rotating public art program. Constructed of bronze, this piece celebrates mutuality and respect for all beings in survival. It will be located there for another year until it finds a permanent home in the summer of 2022 as part of the City's collection.

Artist Teresa White is Yup'ik Eskimo and French Canadian and is inspired by Yup'ik stories of transformation. Her artist process continues to be a healing medicine for herself and her family. The faces of her masks and the gestures of her figures emerge from memories – those passed to Teresa by ancestors and her own. The work is contemporary, exploring traditional themes and their interplay, confluence, and divergence, with urban life in the Pacific Northwest.

"I would like to extend warm thanks to Lake Oswego community members for prioritizing, supporting, and celebrating the arts. I also want to express gratitude to the Arts Council of Lake Oswego for showcasing my work in an extraordinary public art program that inspires, opens hearts and minds, and helps artists and art lovers envision the world as it could be," states Teresa White

Gallery Without Walls is celebrating its 21st year in 2021. The program has evolved to include 30 on loan works and over 54 permanent sculptures with a total of 84 pieces throughout the City by artists of local, regional, and international acclaim. The People's Choice winner will be highlighted at the *Gallery Without Walls* Celebration in September – the format to be determined based on COVID regulations and restrictions. If you want to pick up a Gallery Without Walls walking tour brochure and visit the collection, stop by the Arts Council at their new location in City Hall, located at 380 A Avenue, Suite A, Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

For more information on artist, Teresa White visit, www.teresawhite.com.

About the Arts Council of Lake Oswego: The Arts Council of Lake Oswego works to ensure that the arts are an integral part of life in our community, now and into the future. The Arts Council is located at 380 A Avenue, Suite A, Lake Oswego, OR 97034, and is a non-profit organization. For more information visit www.artscouncillo.org or call 503-675-3738.



Dependent Arising: Owl & Lemming

Artist: Terresa White

Bronze

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