

# SILVER SKATE FESTIVAL

invites SNOW SCULPTURE ARTISTS to apply to the

## 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL International Snow Sculpture Symposium

Earlier than usual!

**Application Deadline**  
**Wed 1 May 2024**

**Selected Teams Notified by**  
**Sat 1 Jun 2024**

**President's Reception**  
**Thu 6 Feb 2025, evening**  
*Your entire team will be invited.*

**Symposium**  
**Fri 7 Feb 2025, 10am-10pm**  
**Sat 8 Feb 2025, 10am-10pm**  
**Sun 9 Feb 2025, 10am-4pm**

**Artists' Choice Award**  
**Sun 9 Feb 2025, 4pm**  
**People's Choice Award**  
**Sun 16 Feb 2025, 4pm**

**Complete Festival runs**  
**February 7-17, 2025**



■ An event of the SILVER SKATE FESTIVAL  
*Bringing together art, sport, recreation, and culture.*

**LOCATION:**  
**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park**

*while Hawrelak Park  
is under renovation*

In a spirit of mutual support and cooperation, teams of local, national, and international artists will come together to create Edmonton's largest snow sculpture garden at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual International Snow Sculpture Symposium.

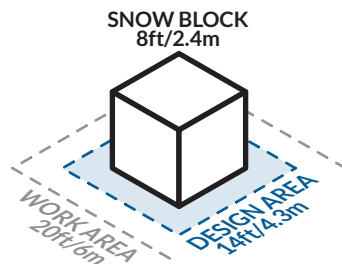
The symposium is one of the premier events of the Silver Skate Festival in picturesque Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park, located in the City of Edmonton's beautiful river valley park system.

The Silver Skate International Snow Sculpture Symposium has no official theme. The festival does not want to limit the creative possibilities of the teams of artists applying. It is amazing what can be created in this ephemeral medium and the chosen teams will reflect the dynamic and diverse possibilities of snow as a sculptural medium.



# Guidelines

- Two- or three-person teams may enter. No one-person teams will be allowed.
- Team Captain will represent the team and act as the team's liaison.
- Teams must submit and work from **original designs only**. The original design must not have been produced in snow at any other event.
- Each team will be provided a block of snow 8 feet high x 8 feet wide x 8 feet deep (2.4m high x 2.4m wide x 2.4m deep).
- The carving area is approximately 20 feet x 20 feet (6m x 6m).
- The footprint of each finished sculpture cannot extend more than approximately 3 feet (1m) from each edge of the original snow block.
- Sculptors competing must supply their own sculpting tools. You are responsible for the safety and security of all your carving tools and equipment while in use. A secure lock up area will be provided.
- Each team will be provided a ladder and snow shovels to remove debris from your site.
- Electric tools will be allowed for the first two days of the symposium. Some chainsaws may be available, but we encourage teams to supply their own.
- Daily symposium hours will be from 10am to 10pm, Friday February 7 and Saturday February 8, 2025. Finishing touches can be done between 10am to 4pm on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Hours may be extended if weather conditions dictate. Any changes to competition hours will be at the discretion of the Silver Skate Festival.
- Artists will remove all tools and debris by 4pm on Sunday, February 9, 2025 and ensure their site is ready for presentation.
- Blocks of snow and sculpture location for individual teams will be determined by lottery.
- Participants will work within the timelines given.
- Breaks are at the discretion of the artist.
- The only materials allowed are snow and water. Natural snow and water may be used as a bonding agent only. No props, decoration, or coloring of the snow sculpture is allowed.



# Remuneration

- The participation honorarium in 2025 is \$1500 for each team invited to participate in the competition.
  - A travel allowance will be given to a team of artists dependent on the travel distance to Edmonton: \$200 for a team traveling 500km or more, \$250 for a team traveling 1000km or more, \$500 for a team traveling 2000km or more.
  - Accommodation for out-of-town teams will be provided from Thursday, February 6 to the morning of Monday, February 10, 2025. **Only one room per team will be provided.**
  - Transportation will be provided to and from the airport and to and from the site for out-of-town artists during the symposium.
  - Some sightseeing opportunities may be provided during your stay in Edmonton.
- ⚠ IMPORTANT:** The legal name of the captain of each team must be used in your application as payment is typically done in the form of a cheque to the captain of each team. The name on the cheque must also appear on artist's passport to ensure there are no problems cashing the cheque at the bank. The Silver Skate Festival will assist international teams with the cheque cashing process.
- Note: Personal expenses such as room service, mini-bar, alcoholic beverages, long distance charges, and parking will be at sculptors' expense. **A credit card will be required upon check-in to ensure payment of personal expenses.**

## How to Apply

- You must complete the application form (see end of this document).
- With the application form, please submit your resume, photographs of previous snow sculpture experience, if applicable, and basic design sketch of your proposed sculpture. Please include a top, front, back, and side view of the sculpture. Photographs of a model of the sculpture are welcome.
- We regret that major revisions cannot be allowed once your design has been accepted for the competition.
- A maximum of 10 sculptures will be selected for the 2025 symposium.
- To accommodate the necessity of travel arrangements for out of province and international applicants, applications will be juried immediately after the May 1, 2024 deadline.
- Successful applicants will be notified no later than Saturday, June 1, 2024. Late applications will only be considered if there is a need for additional artists.

## Eligibility

Any artist may apply to be considered for the Silver Skate Snow Sculpture Symposium. Preference will be given to those artists with snow sculpture experience.

## Insurance

All participants must acquire personal health insurance coverage prior to the event, and international artists must provide proof of insurance prior to their arrival in Canada and send proof of insurance to the event coordinator. They will not be able to acquire health insurance coverage once in Edmonton. The Silver Skate Festival Society will not be held responsible for healthcare claims, theft, losses, or damages incurred during the event.

## Safety

Each participant is responsible for their own safety as well as the safety of other competitors and the public. A signed waiver will be required from each participant. The Festival reserves the right to remove any sculpture that they determine to be a safety hazard, and sculptors are responsible for the safe design of their sculpture.

## Out-of-Town Artists

A travel itinerary must be provided to the festival, including dates, flight times, and flight numbers at least one month prior to the festival. If this is not possible you must contact the festival with a time this will be available.

## Ownership

All sculptures become the property of the Silver Skate Festival when completed. Silver Skate retains exclusive rights to the sculpture and may use any photographs, videos, or reproductions in any commercial application. Others interested in the use of snow sculptures must receive written permission from the Silver Skate Festival.

## Contract and Waivers

Participants will be required to sign the appropriate waiver included in their package before competing in the snow sculpture event. Proof of medical insurance is required for each of the participating sculptors.

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### ARTISTS ENTRY APPLICATION FORM + RELEASE WAIVER

Team Captain

Full Name

*as it appears on passport*

TEAM NAME

Full Mailing  
Address

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Home Phone

Additional  
Team Member  
Full Names

2.

Work Phone

3.

Email Address

### Contract and Waiver

The Silver Skate Festival requires that you read and sign this contract and waiver.

"In consideration of the Silver Skate Festival Society (SSFS) accepting my entry to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual International Snow Sculpture Symposium at the 2025 Silver Skate Festival at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park, Edmonton, Alberta, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrator, and assigns, forever release and forever discharge all claims of negligence. I discharge all claims of negligence against the SSFS, City of Edmonton, and their servants, agents, and sponsors, supporters, employees or volunteers. I declare that my physical condition, to the best of my knowledge is adequate to participate in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual International Snow Sculpture Symposium."

"I have read and understood, and accept the conditions, of this contract and waiver."

Team Captain  
Signature

Team Member 2  
Signature

Team Member 3  
Signature

Date

#### Your submission must include:

- 8.5"x11" sketch of intended design. Label your design to include contact information (name & phone number) and title of your piece.
- Drawings of side, top, front, and back views are encouraged.
- Your resume.
- Examples of past work.

#### Send all items to:

Email (PDF only) to [producer@silverskate.ca](mailto:producer@silverskate.ca)

OR MAIL TO:

Silver Skate Festival  
2025 Snow Sculpture Application  
10212 112<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Edmonton, AB T5K 1M4

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