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For Immediate Release

Sculpture Park Trip to St. Louis

University Park, IL, July 9, 2008 – Art, sculpture, history, and archeology are the themes of a fall weekend trip to St. Louis sponsored by the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) at Governors State University.

On September 19, a luxury motor coach will leave GSU at noon for St. Louis. The tour groups will stay at the Holiday Inn Hotel St. Louis Southwest – Viking Conference Center for two nights.

NMSP curator Geoffrey Bates will offer a preview of the weekend on Friday evening. Saturday activities include an optional morning trip to Cahokia Mounds. The day continues with a tour of the St. Louis Art Museum and lunch at Puck's Restaurant overlooking the Sculpture Terrace. In the afternoon, the group will tour the Pulitzer Foundation and the Contemporary Art Museum collections.

On Sunday morning, the tour continues at Laumeier Sculpture Park with over 70 large-scale pieces on view. There will be a picnic on the grounds of the Laumeier estate followed by a tour of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. Dinner will be in Springfield before the coach return trip to GSU.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a planned get-away where someone else does the driving and we get to enjoy the sights. The artwork and sculptures we will experience on this trip are as remarkable as they are noteworthy," said Bates. "This trip is sure to fill up quickly."

The fee for the three-day trip is \$347 (based on double occupancy), which includes transportation, hotel, some meal expenses, and admission costs. The reservation deadline is Friday, August 15. For more information, call (708) 534-4486 or email sculpture@govst.edu.

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is located on the campus of Governors State University, 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois.