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University Park, IL, August 22, 2013 - Governors State University is celebrating the 30th anniversary of Bruce Nauman's "House Divided" and the 35th anniversary of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) at **Carts & Cocktails 2013**. BMO Harris Bank is pleased to support this annual benefit fundraiser as a Platinum level sponsor offering guests an engaging afternoon featuring remarks by Rick Kogan, noted authority on the culture of Chicago and writer for the Chicago Tribune, cocktails, and a tour of the park in golf carts. Carts & Cocktails will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 3 to 6 p.m.

"Carts & Cocktails provides the chance for community members and business leaders who've been curious about the Manilow Park to visit informally with others who are committed to its growth, sample some fabulous food, and tour our prairie and selected works in a chauffeured cart," said Geoffrey Bates, NMSP director and curator. "The landscape promises to be ablaze with autumn color and when the late afternoon sun rakes across the hills it delivers an incomparable experience."

Following cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in a lakeside tent, guests at the event will take a motorized tour of the sculpture park, where a breathtaking prairie landscape is home to 28 monumental works by some of the world's most distinguished sculptors, including the newest addition to the collection, "Windwaves" by Mexican artist Yvonne Domenge. "Windwaves"

made its debut at Millenium Park before joining the Nathan Manilow collection in late 2012. After the tour, Carts & Cocktails concludes with a luxurious dessert presentation in the tent.

Rick Kogan will be a guest speaker at the event. “I love the sculptures, which loom like some sort of giant creatures plunked down by alien space travelers,” Kogan said of the park. “They promote conversations about art, compelling visitors to ask questions, if only of themselves.”

“We’re thrilled that Rick, who is a friend of Governors State University, has agreed to say a few words about the presence of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park in the Chicago Southland,” Bates said, “We think it’s a very special place and it’s great to know that Rick agrees.”

House Divided, Bruce Nauman’s spectacularly unassuming work of sculpture, successfully blurs the line between architecture and sculpture. This “temple-shed” has posed an aesthetic riddle since its arrival in 1983 and will be one of the stops during Carts & Cocktails 2013. One of America’s most thought-provoking contemporary artists, Nauman represented the U.S. in a solo presentation at the 2009 Venice Biennale in Venice, Italy.

Tickets for the event are \$100 per person. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, or more information, contact NMSP at www.govst.edu/sculpture or (708) 235-0559

Carts & Cocktails is sponsored by BMO Harris Bank, Bimba Manufacturing Company, St. James Franciscan Health and many other local companies.

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is located at Governors State University’s main campus in University Park. The park is free of charge and open from dawn to dusk 365 days a year.