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**The RAM 7th Annual International PEEPS Art Exhibition is Here**

Racine, WI March 17, 2016

On Friday, March 18, within the pristine white walls of a contemporary art museum, Racine Art Museum presents an untraditional exhibition showcasing fluffy, sugarcoated marshmallow PEEPS®. The museum welcomes 123 entries that demonstrate the talent of over 154 artists.

Each year, the show's popularity draws over 3,000 visitors to the museum during its three-week run, setting daily attendance records along the way. This spring, visitors will discover creations such as *Peep Kong Attacks Racine* showcasing the city's architecture, *Peepstarts* with toaster, and an entry from local Girl Scout Troop 9113 entitled *Peepdora*.

All entries will be judged by a panel of experts, based on creativity and best use or representation of PEEPS®. Prizes will be awarded in adult, children's, and group categories and announced the night of Thursday, March 17 during the Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony. In addition, one lucky artist will take home the coveted PEEPS Choice Award where the community votes for their favorite creation.

Enjoy FREE admission during First Friday in Downtown Racine on April 1, from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. No Free Family Hands-On Art Activity will be offered. Visitors to the museum can vote for their favorite PEEPS work of art through Sunday, April 3. For more information about this exhibition, please visit [www.ramart.org](http://www.ramart.org) or call 262.638.8300.

The Racine Art Museum is located at 441 Main Street, Downtown Racine. The museum is open Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sundays Noon - 5:00 pm and closed Mondays, and Easter Sunday, April 5. An admission fee of \$5 for adults, with

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reduced fees for students and seniors, applies at RAM. RAM Members and children under 12 are free.

**ARTISTS IN EXHIBITION**

Kate Alphs, Susan Anderegg, Nick Anders, Jessica Anders, Cassidy Anders, Anonymous, Sophia Baptista, Amanda Billerbeck, Rachele Blasi, Jon Bolton, Paulette Boomsma, Stevie Breit, Connie Bruner, David Buchanan and Linda Christian, Ann Burke, Karen Chartrand, Zoe Chartrand, Aniah Cunningham and Carol Gavigan, Jim Deibler and Sew 'n Save staff, Julia Donaldson, Emma Donaldson, Sara and Emily Durbin, Chris Fabio, Karen Fairbanks, Azariah Flores, Kate Fons, Veronica Gagliano, Ann Gedemer, Girl Scout Troup 9113, Moriah Gomez, Arael Gomez, Patrice Hall, Grace Hamilton, Kelly Hausknecht, Ann Henkes, Kendra Hoffman, Hayden Hoffman, Lillian Holland, Ben Holland, Isabella, Ellie, and Sofiya Jackson and Max Koll, Gabe and Jed Johnson, Tom (Sweet Flame) Johnston, Dorothy Juskevics, Diane Kamm, Cheryl, Collin, and Darren Keopanya, Justin Keopanya, Destiny Klinkhammer, Pat Kroth, Jan Lancelin, Maggie LaRose, Sophie LaRose, Bridget and Chloe Lawless, Laura Leach, Jenn Leach, Monica Leonard, Ian Leonard, Tessa Locklair, Paul and Rob Madsen, Mary Manning, Caylyn Marschke, Maisy Martone, Annabel Martone, Cailey Miller, Brodie Miller, Cathryn Miller, Barb Namowicz, Sarah Nielsen, Sharon and Tom Nyman, Colleen Oldenburg, Holly Ottum, Bob Ottum, Jenny Pacetti, Debby Peck, Lily Pemble, Colton Pemble, Amy, Ellen and Jim Petersen, Julia Peyton, Nancy Polzin, Lynn Proeber, Madi Racine, Jamie Racine, Nicole K. Reid, Bill Reid, Keely Repinski, Toni Repinski, Ann Richards, Bailey Rigby, Hilary Rinke, Patty Roberson, Kalaya Ross, Diana Rozzoni, Helen and Katherine Savas, Rachel Grace Schimian, Emily Scholz, Karen F. Scuffham, Julie Sheldon, Holly Skubal, Michelle Slusar and Kay Kunz, Charlene Southworth, Dinah Sparks, Brodie and Tom Spolar, Calvin Spolar, Lee Spolar, Brittany Stalker and Brianna Gesiorski, Colleen Staszewski, Laura and Owen Strange and Heather Buchanan, Brenna Strojinc, Payton Strojinc, Jeff Ternes, Amanda, Mark, Nohra, and Wes Paffrath, Dyan Tishuk, Cynthia Lund Torroll, Olivia Trinidad, Alana Trinidad, Sue Tryba, Veronica Tryba, Dimitrios Tsioutsopoulos, Koko Tsioutsopoulos, Kristina Tsioutsopoulos, Dionisios Tsioutsopoulos, Gabriel Tsioutsopoulos, Alexandros Tsioutsopoulos, Rob Turnbull, Bogey Turnbull, Lily Vaysman, Aubrey Vinney, Patricia Volk, Jann Widuch, Lisa Wilson, Maureen Wolfe

Competition sponsored by Racine Art Museum Store and Guest Relations.

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Together, the two campuses of the Racine Art Museum, RAM in downtown Racine at 441 Main Street and the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts at 2519 Northwestern Avenue, seek to elevate the stature of contemporary crafts to that of fine art by exhibiting significant works in craft media with painting, sculpture and photography, while providing outstanding educational art programming.

Docent led contemporary craft and architectural tours of the museums are available. Both campuses of the Racine Art Museum, are open Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, and are closed Mondays, Federal holidays and Easter. RAM is open Sunday Noon – 5:00 pm, while Wustum is closed Sundays. An admission fee of \$5 for adults, with reduced fees for students and seniors, applies at RAM. Admission to Wustum is free. Members are always admitted without charge to either campus.