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Chicago Loop Alliance unveils pop-up sculpture at The Gateway public plaza on State Street

"Races" installation to remain in Loop for one year

CHICAGO (November 14, 2016) This morning **Chicago Loop Alliance** (CLA), the sole service provider for Special Service Area (SSA) 1-2015, proudly unveiled its latest public art installation, "Races." The 500 pound artwork by Illinois artist Bobby Scribner is made of steel and depicts several abstract figures "racing" into the Loop from **The Gateway**, a vibrant public plaza located on the State Street median between Wacker Drive and Lake Street. "Races" will greet guests at this northern entrance to the Loop for one year.

CLA's latest public art installation is part of its **Loop Placemaking Initiative**—an expansive series of innovative public space activations throughout the Loop that continue the organization's commitment to create, manage and promote high-performing urban experiences in downtown Chicago. "Races" portrays several abstract figures alongside and stacked on top of one another, creating a strong visual rhythm. Whether the figures are competing against one another or moving together as one is unclear, but an ongoing struggle to move forward prevails.

Since the reopening of **The Gateway**, it has become one of State Street's most charming outdoor areas for Chicagoans and visitors to take a break, eat lunch and enjoy the city's surroundings. In the summer of 2016, an estimated 8,662 people enjoyed The Gateway between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Bobby Scribner received an MFA from Northern Illinois University. He teaches at the American Academy of Art where he has taught for the last 23 years and developed the figurative sculpture program. His work has been featured in Chicago exhibits including Pier Walk, Skokie Sculpture Park, A.R.C, Tough Gallery, and Warner Park.

Chicago Loop Alliance (CLA), the sole service provider for SSA1-2015, creates, manages and promotes high-performing urban experiences, attracting people and investment to the Loop. For more information, please visit www.LoopChicago.com.

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