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 Saturday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.
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Sculpture Dedication

Expires [Saturday, April 18, 2009]

The Art in Public Places Initiative of the Leawood Arts Council is proud to host the dedication of a group of new sculptures by Jorge Blanco. These brightly painted aluminum sculptures by Blanco were commissioned by APPI to celebrate the athletic endeavors that take place in Leawood City Park.

Children participating in Leawood's spring soccer program have been invited to vote in naming the sculptures. Anyone wishing to participate can vote between "GOOD MATCH" and "FOR THE GOAL" for the soccer players, and between "RUN RED RUN" and "SO FAR, SO GOOD" for the runners. Ballots can be filled out at Leawood City Hall, the Concessions at Leawood City Park.

The two red runners are located on the hillside near shelters A & B and the soccer fields at the east side of the park. The runners appear to be running up the hillside. Two soccer figures in action are located near of the pool's main parking lot, west of the Lions shelter, and south of soccer field #2. Both locations are highly visible and can be seen from Lee Boulevard and I-435.

Sculptor, Jorge Blanco will attend the dedication. Blanco was born in Caracas, Venezuela. He holds a degree in Industrial Design from the Neumann Institute of Design in Caracas and studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome, Italy. His distinguished career as a sculptor, graphic designer, humorist and illustrator spans more than 30 years. For eighteen years he served as art director for Caracas Children's Museum. He currently lives and works in Sarasota, Florida.

For more than a decade, Blanco has focused his efforts to creating large-scale sculpture installations around the world. His highly saturated primary colors reign with splendor against the landscape of the park. Blanco's art seems to tell us that art can entertain us and make life more joyful. By using carefully calculated geometric forms, he emphasizes planes in his minimalist forms. His background as an industrial designer can be seen in his use of hardware as intrinsic parts of this sculpture.

His works are vibrant and full of optimism, contributing to the cultural development of the community. Blanco's sculptures make City Park a destination with unlimited potential for sports and art lovers of all ages.

Join APPI in the dedication of these sculptures at the Lion's Shelter. Attendees can meet the artist and collect a pin of the red runner sculpture. Refreshments will be served. Soccer games will be in progress therefore attendees may expect to park some distance from the dedication site.

For more information please contact the Leawood Cultural Arts Coordinator at 913-339-6700 x157.

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