

# BELLS RING FOR RENO

Nonprofits plan gala to  
raise money for interactive art



The City of Reno is gearing up to buy another piece of Burning Man art. The Gateway Project, a coalition of nonprofits, community businesses and volunteers formed early this year, is raising funds via a two-day Gateway Gala on Friday and Saturday. Funds raised during the gala are hoped to temporarily bring a new interactive public sculpture to the city's growing public art collection.

The sculpture of interest, "Pentamonium," by Gary Gunderson, is a piece that originally was at 2015 Burning Man, a celebration of the arts that draws more than 70,000 people to Northern Nevada's Black Rock Desert for a week each year. "Pentamonium," a piece made in collaboration with artist Jeff Tangen, is an interactive carillon, a type of musical instrument, with five harmonious bells in its belfry.

The large-scale, interactive sculpture is made of tubular steel and recycled bicycle parts painted in a variety of colors. A 16-foot column, supported by five arched legs, is topped with a "mirror encrusted whirligig," according to the Gateway Project's website. Each leg of the sculpture supports a mechanism that rings one of the bells.

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The City of Reno intends to install "Pentamonium," a 2015 art piece by Gary Gunderson and Jeff Tangen, at the Lear Theater after the Gateway Project Gala.

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The Gateway Project is hosting two days of community workshops that focus on creating bike art, along with a formal dinner gala and auction of nine bicycle-themed sculptures on Friday. Tickets for the gala are available at the Gateway Project's website. Tickets for a gala after-party, which will run until 2 a.m., also are available on the site.

In collaboration with RenOpen Streets, a group that advocates for more spacious streets for pedestrians and cyclists, the Gateway Project will put on a Burning Man-inspired bike parade. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday Lunsford Park, located on the corner of Riverside Drive and Washington Street in Reno.

Parade partakers will gather at the corner of Riverside Drive and Vine Street the same day at 2 p.m., when the Envision Drum Corps will lead the colorful two-wheeled conglomeration a few blocks

east to the Lear Theater sculpture dedication site. After the ceremony, prizes will be given for the best-decorated bike, helmet and best burner costume.

Proceeds from the auctioned sculptures, combined with gala ticket sales, will fund the installation of "Pentamonium" in front of Reno's Lear Theater. Although it is uncertain how long the sculpture will be in place, it should be no less than a year, according to the Gateway Project.

Tickets to the Gateway Gala are available for \$250 per person.

The Gateway Project is sponsored by the City of Reno, Sierra Arts Foundation, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Biggest Little Group and the Reno Bike Project, with major assistance from the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Sparks and RenOpen Streets.

More information can be found at RenoGatewayProject.com, and tickets can be purchased at PioneerCenter.com, by calling 866-553-6605 or by visiting the Pioneer Center box office from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.