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Steinmeyer Selected to Display Globe on Chicago's Lakefront

Local artist Nancy Steinmeyer has been selected to paint a globe for this summer's "Cool Globes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet," a public art project designed to increase awareness of and promote solutions to global warming.

The Cool Globes Exhibit will be on display along Chicago's lakefront adjacent to the Field Museum and Navy Pier from June to September. Cool Globes is a partnership between Field Museum and the City of Chicago Department of the Environment formed to inspire individuals and organizations to implement solutions to global warming.

Steinmeyer's globe design, titled "First We Scream, Then We Act," features a background of brightly painted concentric circles with a black outline of a drawing of Edvard Munch's famous "The Cry." On the other side of the globe, brighter colors outline and cover the continents to depict the jet stream. Over this colorful pattern is an outline drawing of James Montgomery Flagg's Uncle Sam, challenging us to act now.

Steinmeyer was invited to create and submit a design for the exhibit in October. After her design was accepted, she was confronted with the logistics of dealing with a 200-pound, five-foot globe delivered to her home during February's cold temperatures. Steinmeyer created a painting environment in her garage using heavy plastic and white painter's tarp and



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complete with two space heaters, carpeting, a TV and thermometer. The outdoor enamel paint she used required at least 50 degrees for application and proper drying.

A professional artist for more than 30 years, Steinmeyer has been working full time on her art for the past 19 years. Her various media and methods include drawing, 3-D paintings, mixed media constructions, murals and paper sculptures. For the past year, Steinmeyer has worked to create solution-based global warming educational materials for school-aged children, including board games, a story book, picture puzzles and a pledge to the planet.

Steinmeyer's art has been shown throughout the country, including in the Sears Tower, the West Bend Art Museum in Wisconsin and Charleston Heights Arts Center Gallery in Las Vegas. Her work can be found in the collections of former IL Gov. Corrine Wood and the Illinois State Museum. She currently is showing her series titled "Famanimalies," which are pet-themed painted wood constructions, at Café Luna Express & Juice Bar, 6230 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake, through June.

For more information on Steinmeyer and her work, visit www.NISteinmeyer.com.

For more information about the Cool Globes exhibit, sponsors and supporting education, visit www.CoolGlobes.com.



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