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Creative Economy Month Launches on May 1, 2021

Eau Claire, Wis.: Eau Claire is celebrating the contributions of the arts to the economic and cultural fabric of our community in May, and events will include some big reveals for public art in the community.

More than 20 events will take place throughout the month. Some highlights include a kickoff event featuring the artists at Artisan Forge Studios on May 1 and 2, a month-long Gallery Window Walk featuring local art exhibits at 26 businesses in Eau Claire, silk painting lessons, pasta making class, a culinary entrepreneur panel discussion, Pablo Center's launch of the 2021 GO Paint! series, and Pablo Streams musical performances.

Three events during May will provide public art for the community long after Creative Economy Month. Kicking off on May 1st at Artisan Forge Studios, the "Scraposaurs" traveling exhibit by Dale Lewis, including 14 large dinosaur sculptures, will be revealed and on display for several months. The ever-popular Sculpture Tour Eau Claire will be installing and unveiling new sculptures for the 2021 season the week of May 17. The tour, now in its 11th year, will have the sculptures on display in the downtown area for the next 11 months.

On May 29, a sculpture will be unveiled in Haymarket Plaza. Designed and created by San Francisco-based sculptor, Michael Szabo, the 16-foot *Eddies* sculpture will be on permanent display in the plaza.

"We are excited to celebrate the important contributions that all artists make to our community during the Creative Economy Month of May", said Jo Ellen Burke, chair of the Eau Claire Public Arts Council. "The arts help to promote true prosperity. They are fundamental to our humanity and foster creativity, goodness and beauty. The arts provide a space for the conversations and experiences that connect people and create the unique sense of place we have here in Eau Claire."

Traditionally a week-long event, the planning partners felt it necessary to expand the event offerings to a full month given the proliferation of the creative economy Eau Claire and the Chippewa Valley.

Planning partners include the Eau Claire Public Arts Council, Downtown Eau Claire, Inc., Visit Eau Claire, Forge, Artisan Forge Studios, Pablo Management, and Pablo Center at the Confluence. The event is also supported by Volume One.

A full schedule of events can be accessed at artfulleauclaire.com.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Artisan Forge Kickoff Event Listen Up! - Streaming GO Paint @ Pablo Gallery Window Walk Pablo Panel Discussion
2 Artisan Forge Event	3 Gallery Window Walk	4 Gallery Window Walk	5 Gallery Window Walk Erin O'Brien Artist Reception @AFS	6 Gallery Window Walk CV Writers Guild Sound & Stories	7 Gallery Window Walk UWEC Opera Livestream @ Pablo	8 Gallery Window Walk The May Emporium Mother's Day Event @ AFS Pop Up Market at Forgae
9 Gallery Window Walk	10 Gallery Window Walk	11 Gallery Window Walk Panel Discussion @ Pablo	12 Gallery Window Walk	13 Gallery Window Walk Silk Painting Class at Artisan Forge Studios Chris Rosenau & Chris Poterfield: Pablo Streams	14 Gallery Window Walk The Art of GO Paint Exhibit	15 Gallery Window Walk Paint IN @ Artisan Forge Studios
16 Gallery Window Walk Pasta Making Class with Tony Chavez at Forgae	17 Gallery Window Walk	18 Gallery Window Walk Silk Painting Class/Shibori Technique at Artisan Forge Studios	19 Gallery Window Walk Sculpture Tour Installation	20 Gallery Window Walk Anthony Casanova EC Documentary	21 Gallery Window Walk	22 Gallery Window Walk Kelly Speros Spring Fling Art Show
23 Gallery Window Walk	24 Gallery Window Walk	25 Gallery Window Walk	26 Gallery Window Walk	27 Gallery Window Walk Food Business Start Ups at Forgae	28 Gallery Window Walk Eric Lee Virtual Exhibit @ Pablo	29 Gallery Window Walk Artist Market Unveiling of Sculpture @ Haymarket ArtMobile @ Pablo Center Clear Water Jazz & Art Festival
30 Gallery Window Walk	31 Gallery Window Walk					

