

## **CITY OF LA CROSSE ARTWORK INVENTORY**

### ***Eagle Landmark 1987 -currently in for repair.***

**Artist:** *Elmer P. Petersen - End of State Street in Riverside Park*

This majestic bird sits upon a 30-foot tree trunk as it watches over the Mississippi River at Riverside Park. Constructed out of Cor-Ten steel, the wingspan is 20 feet and the head is composed of stainless steel. The Eagle Landmark was generously donated by the D.B. (Rhiny) and Marjorie Reinhart Family and dedicated in 1987 to all past, present and future employees of Gateway Foods, Inc. and affiliated Reinhart Companies.

### ***A Simpler Time and Fido 2006***

**Artist:** *Michael Martino - The Levee at Riverside Park*

This warm sculpture, inspired by a photograph by Theresa Smerud, is reminiscent of days gone by and captures the freshness, innocence and excitement of children as they greet boats and visitors from the river. All funds raised through the sale of the surrounding inscribed bricks will flow to the La Crosse City Vision Foundation endowment to support downtown beautification projects for years to come.

### ***Hoeschler Fountain 2003***

*Riverside Park*

This seven-fountain water feature represents the "7 Rivers Region." The three larger fountains represent the confluence of the three rivers at Riverside Park—the Mississippi, Black, and La Crosse. The water is a sign of strength and vibrancy, representing the downtown area. This fountain has become a gathering spot and focal point of the park. Thanks to the Hoeschler Family and the City of La Crosse for their donation.

### ***La Crosse Players 1981***

**Artist:** *Elmer P. Peterson - 2nd and Main Streets*

This is a reminder of how La Crosse got its name, from the Native American game that the French called "lacrosse." This sculpture depicts three Ho-Chunk men playing the game of their day. The three life-sized figures were made from welded Cor-Ten steel sheets, with resulting planes and welded lines that express motion and strength.

### ***Le Pineau 2006***

**Artist Unknown** - *2nd and Main Streets*

The statue of a boy pulling a thorn from his foot is a replica of an 1825 statue in the reception room of city hall in Epinal, France. It was a gift from Epinal to La Crosse, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our sister city relationship. It is symbolic of Epinal, whose name derives from the French word epine, meaning thorn, and is a copy of an antique Greek statue. The city of La Crosse sent a replica of its La Crosse Players statue to Epinal in exchange.

### ***Blue Baby 2018***

**Artist:** *Wolfgang Auer- City Hall*

This sculpture is the work of German artist Wolfgang Auer, who lives in La Crosse's sister city of Friedberg. His Blue Babies project has been on display all over Europe.

### ***Korean War Memorial***

**Artist:** *-Veterans Memorial Park*

### ***Nurse Cadet Memorial***

**Artist:** *-Veterans Memorial Park*

### ***World War 1 Memorial***

**Artist:** *-Veterans Memorial Park*

### ***Hmong Laos Memorial***

**Artist:** *-Veterans Memorial Park*

**Lyra 1980**

**Artist: Bruce White** - La Crosse Municipal Harbor

Standing 20 feet high, this painted aluminum sculpture was originally located in Valley View Mall and painted blue. After removal from the mall, the sculpture was painted brown and moved to Burns Park. The piece consists of three legs that intertwine and create an interlocked design at the top. The title comes from the word lyre after the constellation of stars. It has since been moved to the La Crosse Municipal Harbor and re-painted blue.

**Anidonts 1983**

**Artist: Luis Arata** Myrick Park

Abstract painted aluminum sculpture of a boy and his dog located at the entrance of Myrick Park

**Ellen Hixon 2016**

**Artist: Michael Martino-** Grand Dad's Bluff Park

Life-size bronze sculpture of Ellen P. Hixon sitting at the top of Grand Dad's Bluff.

**George C. Poage 2016**

**Artist: Elmer Peterson-** George C. Poage Park

Bronze sculpture of La Crosse Olympic medalist George C. Poage

**Walter 'Babe' Weigent 2017**

**Artist: Mike Martino** Weigent Park, 16th and Cass streets

This statue of Walter "Babe" Weigent — the longtime teacher, coach and athletic director at La Crosse Central High School — sits at the corner of the park that bears his name. The high school was located at that site before it relocated to Losey Boulevard South in 1967.

**La Crosse Players 2005**

**Fabricator: Dave Oswald** - Hwy 53 near the 190 entrance

This is a replication of the La Crosse Players sculpture in downtown. This 20' sculpture is made of fiberglass.

**Main Street Ramp Mural**

**Artist:** -Main St Ramp

**Pumphouse Mural**

**Artist:** -Pumphouse

**Walter 'Babe' Weigent**

**Artist:** -Weigent Park

**International Friendship Gardens**

**Various Artists:** Riverside Park

**Wall Memorial**

**Artist:** -Lueth Park

**IN STORAGE****The Scroll 1998**

**Artist: Dale Kendrick** Original Location: La Crosse Tribune- 401 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Nth. Now in storage

This sculpture, cast in bronze and applied to concrete, represents the beginning of the written word, literacy, the first newspaper and relates to the Egyptian Scroll. Water trickles down the sculpture to create kinetic movement throughout the piece. (Note: actual title is "Scrolled Tablets of Pictographs Celebrate the Creation of Letters Making Words into Written Languages for Human Expressions")