

Dancers Plaque Text

Dancers was created by Donna Gerke-Cuta in 2002 under the mentorship of Elmer Peterson and was the first sculpture by a woman in La Crosse. The metalwork was completed by C & C Machine, Inc. This stainless-steel sculpture was donated by Isola Laminate Systems Corp. and City Vision Foundation to the City and placed on a pedestal in the Pump House Regional Arts Center parking lot. The dancers depict a joyful energy of being alive. Their ribbon shows the ups and downs of life, flowing like the nearby Mississippi River. Gerke-Cuta loved art and taught in several La Crosse schools and contributed artwork in City parks.

Dancers was repainted solid blue and relocated at ground-level outside the Weber Center for the Performing Arts by Luke Achterberg in 2019. Achterberg is a metal sculptor and art instructor who received a Bachelor Degree in Fine Arts from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse and a Welding Technical Diploma from Western Technical College. He exhibits work both outdoor and indoor throughout the United States and Switzerland.