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SANDING OVATIONS

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Treasure Island, Florida's sand sculpture capital, hosts 8th Annual Sanding Ovations

All it takes is several tons of sand, plenty of water, and lots of imagination to build a masterpiece – at least for ten master sculptors who return to Treasure Island for the 8th annual Sanding Ovations Masters Cup Sand Sculpture Competition and Music Festival November 16-20, 2016.

The competition is invitational, and has grown to be the largest masters competition in the Southeast United States. There are six new sculptors to Sanding Ovations this year. They are Dimitry Klimenko and Pavel Mylnikow of Moscow, Russia; Fergus Mulvaney of Dublin, Ireland; Andrius Petkus of Vilnius, Lithuania; Jooheng Tan of Singapore and Edith van de Wetering of the Netherlands. Joining them are previous competitors Sue McGrew of Washington, Guy-Olivier Deveau and Jobi Bouchard of Montreal, Canada and Dan Belcher of St. Louis, Missouri.

A "Meet and Greet" with all the sculptors happens Wednesday, November 16th at 7pm in the Crystal Sands Ballroom of the Bilmar Beach Resort located at 10650 Gulf Boulevard in Treasure Island. Great Bay Distributors provides the beer and cocktails; Sloppy Joe's serves up the snacks. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

The masterful exhibition of sand sculpting talent at the world-class level, is naturally, the big appeal, with the top three sculptures and a People's Choice sculpture awarded over \$12,000 in cash prizes. Judging and voting for the People's Choice Award is Saturday, November 19th from 3pm to 6pm. The awards ceremony is at 7pm followed by a fireworks display at 10pm.

The beach food court, and arts and crafts marketplace and three days of live music make Sanding Ovations a must-see event while visiting Treasure Island.

Produced by the City of Treasure Island Parks and Recreation Department, Sanding Ovations is free and open to the public. For event and music schedules, parking information, sand sculptor bio's and other Sanding Ovations info, visit www.mytreasureisland.com or call (727)547-4575, ext 237.

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News Facts

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Florida Governor Jeb Bush proclaimed Treasure Island as the Sand Sculpture Capital of Florida in 2001.

Treasure Island was home to the World's Largest Sandcastle in 1985.

Sand sculptors at Sanding Ovations come from throughout the world, representing countries such as Netherlands, Lithuania, Russia, Ireland, Singapore, Canada and United States