



## **Skydivers Descend on Bloomington Civic Plaza**

### ***Star Tribune* Cartoonist Steve Sack Installs a Sculpture**

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*Bloomington, MN* – When it comes to art, Pulitzer Prize-winning *Star Tribune* cartoonist Steve Sack says it's really quite simple. The thing that matters most is that people notice and enjoy the work.

Soon thousands of people who visit Bloomington Civic Plaza will notice the sculpture that Sack will be installing in the lobby on December 21. The grouping of six skydivers will be suspended in the building's atrium. Five of the skydivers will be holding hands in formation, while the sixth is above them trying to take her place in the circle.

It took Sack five months to complete the sculpture, which was crafted entirely of papier-mâché using *Star Tribune* newspapers. Each figure required 10 layers of papier-mâché, which was molded over inflatable items such as beach balls. Sack propped the figures up in his basement studio using ropes and foam noodles to do the painting and detail work. At 12 feet in diameter, it's his largest work to date.

Sack's work is the latest in a series of creative placemaking projects that have been commissioned in Bloomington this year. Projects included murals, sculptures and musical theater performances that all aim to strengthen the connection between art and community.

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