

Public Art Project in Progress at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home in Kearney.

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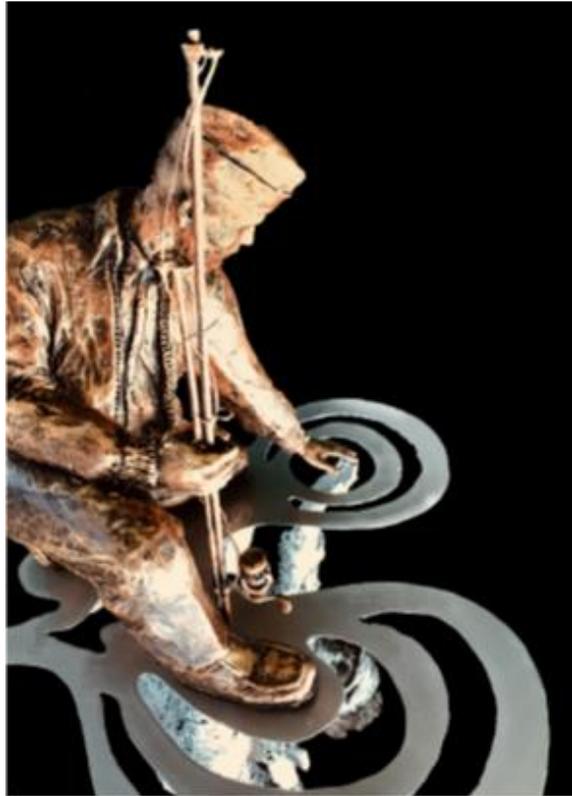
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Douwe Blumberg, *Reflections of Service* (Artist Rendering).

(Omaha, Nebraska) – A 1% for Public Art sculpture is in progress for the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home in Kearney, NE. The expected installation of *Reflections of Service* by Douwe Blumberg is by Memorial Day 2019. *Reflections of Service* explores the healing that comes with time, the importance of our memories as we age, how we view the past through the veil of time, and the search for peace and contentment.

The life-sized bronze statue, nearly 7 feet tall, includes a veteran kneeling atop a shimmering waters' surface, fishing pole in hand. Thoughtfully gazing down, he reaches for his silver, ethereal reflection beneath the surface. The reflection is a mirror image of the upper figure, sculpted loosely and cast in silver stainless steel.



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Artist Statement:

My father was a WWII veteran and I work with many vets on veterans-oriented monuments, which instilled in me a sense of respect and awe for the veterans' experience. In this piece, I hoped to highlight the challenges of aging along with the beauty of memories. It is an invitation to consider personal memories and their effect on life transitions.

About the Artist:

Douwe Blumberg was born in LA. His education includes the University of Southern California's Idyllwild School of the Arts and Music, four years in sculpture and metalworking, and apprentice work at a foundry. He is currently located in Lexington, KY.

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