

PLAINS ART MUSEUM

Plains Art Museum to Open Major Exhibition of Sculptor Zoran Mojsilov

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Fargo, N.D. – On Thursday, November 8th, Plains Art Museum will open a major new exhibition with work by Serbian-American artist Zoran Mojsilov. The exhibition, titled *Time Machine*, will be on display through May 25th, 2019.

Mojsilov's life is as interesting as his work. In 1983 Mojsilov left Communist-controlled Yugoslavia by train at night, bringing only his sculptures with him. These were works that won him a prestigious art competition, but his award was, he felt, maliciously rescinded because of the sculpture's subject matter. Mojsilov continues to build on this powerful body of work to this day, with the artistic freedom afforded to him in the U.S.

Mojsilov creates towering, abstract sculptures of carved abstract symbols inspired by his early life in present-day Serbia. The centerpiece of the exhibition is Mojsilov's *Time Machine* series, which is a body of work that resembles surreal machines of cogs and gears, but are also functional tables – the artist's metaphor for welcoming and conversation. Overall, the works in the exhibition represent the difficult process of reshaping one's identity through relocation, and also include themes of warfare and reconciliation. Mojsilov has exhibited his works internationally in galleries and he has permanent works in several public spaces like Socrates Sculpture Park (NY), Runnymede Sculpture Farm (CA), and deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum (MA).

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Plains Art Museum is the largest art museum in the Dakotas and Western Minnesota. It is general admission free and educationally-focused thanks to strong and growing support from over 800 households and businesses. The Museum manages a permanent collection of over 4,000 objects, organizes and presents dozens of annual exhibitions, facilitates public art projects, and leads over 200 educational programs and experiences for all ages each year. The Museum, and its Katherine Kilbourne Burgum Center for Creativity, is located at 704 First Avenue North in downtown Fargo. For more information about visiting or supporting your art museum, visit plainsart.org.

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Zoran Mojsilov, *Time Machine*, 2017-18, wood steel and stone, Courtesy of the artist. Photograph by Rik Sferra

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