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Davenport, Iowa (June 17, 2013) – Beginning Wednesday on the first floor of the Parker Building in downtown Davenport, Chicago-based artist Juan Angel Chavez will be constructing a web-like structure made from items collected in the Quad Cities and Chicago. The finished product will be on view for the upcoming Figge Art Museum exhibition No Shoes, No Shirt, No Service which opens June 29.

Pedestrians will be able to watch Chavez in action at the corner of Brady and Second Street as he constructs the sculpture daily through June 24.

Chavez works with salvaged wood and other discarded materials to create dynamic, sculptural assemblages that celebrate the intrinsic value of ordinary, and seemingly banal, objects. The tears, stains, abrasions and other imperfections that mark the surface of the material he collects provide a lasting record of an object's complex history.

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For No Shoes, No Shirt, No Service the installation will take the form of a web-like structure reminiscent of the temporary shelters that animals (and humans) construct for their survival. In his use of refuse and other found objects, Chavez seeks to draw attention to socially deviant behavior and other “unwanted” activities.

Born in La Junta, Chihuahua, Mexico, Chavez immigrated to the United States when he was thirteen. He attended The School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Early College Program and continued his studies at The School, where he currently holds a faculty position in the sculpture department. He has exhibited in Chicago at the Museum of Contemporary Art, The Mexican Fine Art Center Museum, and the Hyde Park Art Center. Chavez has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation award, the Louis Comfort Tiffany award, Artadia Individual artist award and 3Arts award.

No Shoes, No Shirt, No Service will be on display June 29-October 6, 2013.

Companion Programming

Opening Reception and Gallery Talk

5:30 pm Friday, June 28

Exclusive event for museum members and donors.

Tours

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1:30 p.m. Sundays in July and Saturdays in August

Meet the Artist

12-4 p.m. Saturday, September 21

College students will take part in an invitation-only lunch followed by a 2 pm public lecture by Juan Angel Chavez.

About the Figge Art Museum

The Figge Art Museum is located on the riverfront in downtown Davenport at 225 West Second Street. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and Sundays 12-5 p.m. Thursdays the museum is open until 9 p.m. Admission to the museum and tour is \$7. Admission is free to Figge members and institutional members and free to all on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.. To contact the museum, please call [563.326.7804](tel:563.326.7804) , or visit www.figgeartmuseum.org