

Michael Heizer's abstract sculpture could look like this when finished later this year. A governor's commission is raising \$250,000 to complete it.

Commission recommends abstract

Sculpture planned for capitol

A governor's special commission that includes four Oakland County residents has recommended construction of a large, abstract sculpture on the pedestrian mall of the State Capitol complex in Lansing.

six, which picked sculptor Michael Heizer to execute the work.

Among the 16 members of the Governor's Commission on Art in State Buildings are: Mrs. Elliot Robinson, artist and collector from Birmingham;

Balthazar Korab, architectural photographer from Troy; Dr. Donald D. O'Dowd, president of Oakland University, and George E. Gullen Jr. of the law firm of Gullen & Fitzsimmons, Rochester. Another member is Livonia architect Louis G. Redstone.

Chairperson of the commission is Adrian N. Langius, retired state architect.

Heizer's sculpture will go up immediately west of the State Capitol Building. It will be on a mall between the modern Treasury and Transportation departments' buildings.

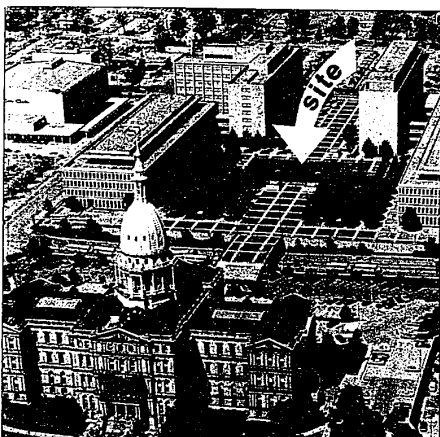
The largest figure would be a disc, 48 feet in diameter, lying flat. Another would be a 28-foot disc standing upright. A series of fractional portions of circles will complete the grouping.

The special commission established a fund-raising committee to solicit \$250,000 to purchase the Heizer sculpture. Chairing it is A.J. Aymond, chairman of Consumers Power Co., Jackson. Aymond said \$100,000 has already been raised.

Site preparation costs have been authorized by the state legislature. The work is to be done by the end of this year.

The Governor's Special Commission on Art in State Buildings was created in 1975. Gov. William G. Milliken established a commission of 14, later expanding it to 16.

The idea is new in Michigan, but governments elsewhere have similar programs. The federal government's General Services Administration allocates half of 1 percent of total building costs for art. Alaska, Hawaii, Illinois, Oregon, Texas and Washington allocate 1 percent. The City of San Francisco allocates 2 percent.



The Governor's Special Commission on Art in State Buildings has picked the pedestrian mall in the State Capitol complex as site of a Michigan pilot project.

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