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Handland to unveil American 250 sculpture at The EPC

The Effingham Performance Center invites the public to the official unveiling of the American 250 sculpture.

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Effingham Performance Center in connection with the Illinois Arts Council has commissioned a sculpture commemorating the country's celebration.

Local artist Drew Hanfland, who is multi-disciplinary artist and woodworker based in Effingham, has created a sculpture that will be displayed in the courtyard at The EPC. The sculpture represents how the country has joined cultures and united together for the pursuit of freedom and liberty. The figure represents unity, freedom, and diversity with respect paid to the statue that welcomes visitors to the United States – The Statue of Liberty.

The project was made possible through Illinois' America 250 Celebration public art grant program. The EPC project will be one of 22 projects throughout the state focusing on this message and this celebration.

The unveiling of the sculpture will be held on July 1 at 2 pm in The EPC's courtyard. The sculpture will be a permanent installation and available for public viewing after its unveiling.

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