



For Immediate Release
09/12/2021
Contact: Roxanne Amidon
The Boardman Art Park
614-226-8744
director@boardmanartspark.org

The Boardman Arts Park: Magical Creature Statue

The Boardman Arts Park, Where Community and Creativity Meet

The Boardman Arts Park will soon install and unveil an exciting new art installation by Nigerian artist Ernest Nkwocha.

A package, the size and general shape of a life-size horse, will arrive this week in Delaware, Ohio, having started its journey in Lagos, Nigeria. Inside rests a unicorn, fashioned from repurposed tires, and created by Nigerian artist Ernest Nkwocha. This magical creature statue, commissioned by the Boardman Arts Park, has been months in the making, and a significant achievement for the non-profit organization, which operates primarily through grants and donations from the community. The Park is honored to be the home of this new creation by Nkwocha, who has been featured on BBC World News, and whose work has been exhibited worldwide.

Ernest Nkwocha attended the School of Art and Design, Auchu Polytechnic in Edo State. He went viral on social media after his art, created from discarded tires, was shared on Twitter. In an interview with the BBC, Nkwocha stated, "They call it trash –but I see it as raw materials." With his work, he seeks to document the social and political lives in his society.

"The community has stepped up with monetary support and volunteer effort to bring our Imagination Project to life," says Roxanne Amidon, Director of the Boardman Arts Park, "Community and Creativity together make all the difference."

The unicorn is ten feet long and six feet high. Children are encouraged to interact with the piece. Follow the Boardman Arts Park on social media at facebook.com/boardmanartspark and [Instagram.com/boardmanartspark](https://instagram.com/boardmanartspark) for updates on the unicorn statue's arrival and installation. Visitors are welcome at the Park, sunup to sundown, and invited to enjoy the other art pieces, the open green space, walking path, and budding Imagination Park. The unicorn sculpture and Imagination Park are made possible through a grant from the Ohio Arts Council.

The Boardman Arts Park is located at 154 W William St, Delaware, OH 43015.