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Artist-Designed Mini Golf Course To “Pop-Up” in Mount Dora for One Weekend Only

MOUNT DORA, Fla. (February 13, 2018) – When Byron Faudie and Tim Totten approached the Mount Dora Center for the Arts with an unusual proposal, their reputation as absurdist preceded them. The pair, known for signature events like Audio Game, Clue! Live Mystery Parties, the Escape Game in a Box, and the Amazing Race for Charity, pitched a temporary miniature golf course in downtown Mount Dora, with all the holes designed by local artists.

The course will be unveiled on Thursday, March 8th at 6 p.m. with a special miniature golf tournament. Teams of four will compete in standard golf tournament events, including a hole-in-one contest, closest to the pin, and a shotgun start. Foursome tickets and hole sponsorship packets are currently available. Proceeds of the event and open play will benefit the Mount Dora Center for the Arts.

“We both love art and fundraising for non-profits, but we’re terrible golfers,” says Faudie. “So rather than skip another golf tournament, we decided to create one we’d actually want to play.”

Open play for the inaugural Pop-Up Art Golf course, which will be constructed on the tennis court in Donnelly Park, begins during the monthly Art Splash on Friday, March 9th and continues through Sunday, March 11th.

“Sharing with a worthy cause is very important to us,” says Totten, who created the Amazing Race for Charity five years ago. “We chose the Mount Dora Center for the Arts because they do such important work and they understand the crazy concept of what we’re doing.”

Totten and Faudie, who together own the game company FunVenture, have already secured 9 holes for the course. Designs range from a recreation of the new Florida Hospital Waterman Emergency Room, as created by the hospital’s architect and contractor, to a hole created by local tiny house builder Andrew Bennett. Artists from Mount Dora High School have submitted a



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design for a hole that reflects a local landmark, while another artist is busy creating a hole called “The Kitchen Sink.”

The Pop-Up Art Golf course is a FunVenture project in close cooperation with the Mount Dora Center for the Arts and the City of Mount Dora Parks & Recreation Department. For more information or to enter the golf tournament, visit www.funventure.us or call Tim Totten at 352-242-8111.

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