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## **ANIMALS ALWAYS SCULPTURE**

As you enter Forest Park from Hampton Avenue on the way to the St. Louis Zoo, you can't miss it. At 130 feet long, 36 feet high and 100 tons of Cor-Ten steel, *Animals Always* is the largest sculpture at any public zoo in the United States.

The steel sculpture features over 60 animals peeking out from behind sculpted trees, ferns and other plant life. More than just artwork, the sculpture depicts many endangered animals and plants to inspire future generations to protect our natural world.

This is the first representational and most complex work for sculptor Albert Paley who has completed more than 50 works for both public and private institutions over his 30 year career. Other Paley pieces can be found in the permanent collections of major museums like the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

This significant cultural addition to the Zoo, Forest Park and the St. Louis region is made possible by two generous gifts from St. Louisans Thelma Zalk and the Steven F. Schankman family.

*Animals Always* is located at the southeast corner of the Zoo at the intersection of Wells and Hampton avenues, as a welcome to visitors headed for the Zoo and Forest Park.

### **Fun Facts**

- Animals featured in the sculpture: addax, boa constrictor, cockatoos, cassowary, cheetah, bat, gorilla, giraffe, wolf, burying beetle, lizard, hellbender, monkey, lemur, ostriches, parrots, toucan, wild ox, woodpecker, zebra, angelfish, crocodile, catfish, egret, elephants, frigate penguins, rhinoceros, seal, seahorses, shark, turtle, walrus
- The sculpture is 130 feet long, 36 feet high, 8 feet deep, and weighs 100 tons
- The width of *Animals Always* is equivalent to:
  - 3 hippos, shoulder to shoulder
  - 64 American burying beetles, end to end
- The length of *Animals Always* is equivalent to:
  - 6 1/2 reticulated pythons laid end to end
  - 24 hippos, nose to rump
  - 13 tigers
- The weight of *Animals Always* is equivalent to:
  - 20 elephants
  - 5,000 Speke's gazelles
  - 236 brown bears