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**2018 Stone Arch Bridge Festival - Collector's Poster Reveal
(Image attached to Media Release)**

Minneapolis, Minnesota. May 7, 2018 ---- Artist Elizabeth Murphy has created a mesmerizing drawing of the Stone Arch Bridge for the festival's 2018 Collector's Poster. Each year, an artist is selected by the Stone Arch Bridge Festival to create an original work of art that captures the spirit and energy of the Minneapolis Riverfront. *"For the Stone Arch Bridge Festival poster, I wanted to focus on the coming together of nature and industry, the river being really the initial source of life for the city of Minneapolis. There is such beauty in the juxtaposition of the two and how we have both to thank for our current home. I do my own melding of the two, river and bridge, through a common fundamental shape and drawing method. They are united almost as one but retain fluidity and structure respectively."* - Elizabeth Murphey

Born and raised in Minnesota, Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Notre Dame and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Art from the University of Minnesota. She currently works from her home studio in Minneapolis where she creates pen drawings and watercolors for her business, Eli & Ink. Elizabeth primarily works in black and white ink drawings. From a distance these drawings may seem representational and straightforward enough, but there is movement and texture that beckons closer inspection. At this closer perspective, one sees the details that makes her drawings what they are. Her images are comprised completely of diamonds and triangles, a black and white ink mosaic, a kaleidoscope of shapes. Lines become fluid and soft through the application of these sharp-edged shapes. For Elizabeth, there is no plan; there is no pattern. It is a free form and dynamic process that evolves as the drawing progresses. She executes life-like shading through a crystalline web of geometric forms. She embraces imperfection and whimsy and finds her method soothing, a practice in patience.

Murphy will be a featured artist at the festival this year (booth #99) and will have the 2018 Collector's Poster available for purchase. The image will also be featured on a reusable tote bag available for purchase at all festival information booths.



About the Festival: The Stone Arch Bridge Festival is held every Father's Day weekend on the Minneapolis Riverfront. It is the 3rd largest festival in Minneapolis drawing thousands of visitors to the beautiful scenery of the Mississippi River and Minneapolis skyline. The festival is known for the unique artwork for sale from 200+ artists, live music on three stages, and family friendly activities including an extensive car show. The festival kicks off with a free evening concert on Water Power Park on Friday, June 15.

When:

Friday, June 15	5 pm - 10 pm	Kick-off Concert on Water Power Park
Saturday, June 16	10 am - 7 pm	FESTIVAL OPEN: Art and Music
	7 pm - 10 pm	Concert on Water Power Park
Sunday, June 17	10 am - 5pm	FESTIVAL OPEN: Art and Music

Where:

The festival is held on the Minneapolis Riverfront along Main Street SE beginning at Hennepin Avenue and extending to the Stone Arch Bridge. The festival site includes Father Hennepin Park and Water Power Park.

Admission: FREE! The only ticketed events are the **Stone Arch Beer Samplers** and the **Mandalas and Moscato** art workshop. Those tickets may be purchase in advance on the website or onsite.

For more information on Stone Arch Bridge Festival, please visit www.stonearchbridgefestival.com

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(Poster Image Attached)

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