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Alderwoman Coggs announces winner of Bronzeville Public Art Contest

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs is pleased to announce the winner of the **Bronzeville Public Art Contest, Mr. Ammar Nsoroma**, who will receive a \$20,000 grant to implement his proposal and maintain it for a period of at least 18 months.

“I’m astounded at the depth of talent displayed by those competing in this contest, and I’m grateful for their interest,” Alderwoman Coggs said. “Mr. Nsoroma is an accomplished artist who has created works around the country. His new project in Bronzeville—the first of several such projects we have planned—is sure to be a source of pride for the neighborhood.”

Mr. Nsoroma will begin the process of installing his proposed bronze-colored statue on September 12, 2015 in the city-owned vacant lot next to **628 W. North Ave.**

A number of renowned local artists took part in the competition. They were asked to submit a design sketch along with a proposed budget for the assembly and removal of their work, as well as samples of their previous work and a description of their connection to the Bronzeville area. Finalists were called in for interviews where their preliminary design concepts were evaluated.

Mr. Nsoroma has more than 25 years of experience as a public artist, having studied at both the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He has more than 80 murals to his credit, including pieces in Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., as well as his hometown of Milwaukee.

“Bronzeville provided a space for me to learn and mature creatively as a young artist, and my work would honor that connection,” Mr. Nsoroma wrote in his proposal.