

Master sandsculptors to build 20-ton castle at Wollaston Beach



“Ronnie Earl & the Broadcasters” by Abe Wagterman, one of the sand sculptors who will create a massive sand castle at Wollaston Beach in Quincy on Wednesday and Thursday, July 15-16, 2015.

QUINCY – Three elite sand sculptors will create a massive sand castle at Wollaston Beach on Wednesday and Thursday.

Abe Waterman of Prince Edward Island, Morgan Rudluff of California and Kevin Crawford of Australia, all of whom will participate in Revere Beach’s International Sand Sculpting Competition next weekend, will be the architects of the temporary structure in Quincy.

About 20 tons of sand will be delivered to the beach at 8 a.m. Wednesday, and the sculptors will work between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday to complete the castle, according to Bruce Berman, director of strategy, communications and programs at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, which is coordinating the event.

“This is public art. They live to make very great things in a very public way,” Berman said.

Wollaston Beach is a public beach run by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation, according to Berman. Save the Harbor/Save the Bay works to support free events and programs at the state’s public beaches.

The event is a part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Better Beaches Program, but the Revere Beach Partnership coordinated this event, Berman said.

Every year, the Revere Beach Partnership holds on the International Sand Sculpting Competition, one of the premier events on the sand sculpting circuit. This year, in an effort to bring awareness to the competition and extend its impact past the Revere Beach, they worked with the Better Beaches Program to present this advance exhibition.

Two sand sculptors will also create a sand sculpture at Carson Beach in South Boston.

“We just think this is the kind of thing these beaches are for,” said Berman, who credited state Sen. John Keenan, D-Quincy, for helping make the Quincy event possible.

Berman said people who want to watch the sand sculptors work at Wollaston Beach can show up at any time and watch from wherever they please.