



FREDERIK MEIJER Gardens & Sculpture Park

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MEIJER GARDENS CURATES “SCULPTURE TODAY” EXHIBITION DURING ARTPRIZE

The group exhibition “Sculpture Today: New Forces, New Forms” features 25 emerging sculptors. Coinciding with ArtPrize, the installations and three-dimensional works will be on display through December 31.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., — August 26, 2011 — Coinciding with the third annual ArtPrize competition, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park will host 25 U.S. and international artists in the group exhibition “Sculptors Today: New Forces, New Forms.” The works collectively represent a wide array of conceptual and formal approaches in the ever-evolving definition of sculpture today. The exhibition officially begins with ArtPrize on September 21 and will remain on display in Meijer Gardens’ sculpture galleries until December 31.

“In assembling this exhibition we considered hundreds of talented individuals, but we were in search of those artists, through their materials and forms, that would illustrate the diverse language of sculpture today,” said Joseph Becherer, Vice President and Chief Curator of Sculpture.

“New Forces, New Forms” explores a variety of vantage points of contemporary art from the artists’ perspectives. The exhibition features large-scale works, sculpture and a “lightpainting.”

“Abstraction, figuration and installation appear in equal measure and will certainly delight audiences with complexities that are Contemporary art,” said Becherer.

As an ArtPrize Exhibition Center, the exhibition will be free of charge during ArtPrize (September 21 – October 9). Exhibition areas will be open to the public during Meijer Gardens’ regular business hours as well as official ArtPrize hours (Sundays until 6 pm, Mondays-Thursdays, until 8 pm, Fridays-Saturdays, until 10 pm). All other areas of Meijer Gardens observe regular hours and standard admission fees.

Visitors can register to vote, purchase official ArtPrize merchandise and utilize the ArtPrize shuttle to explore the downtown venues. Shuttle information will be available at ArtPrize.org closer to the event.

Exhibition and ArtPrize Programming

- **Members’ Opening Reception**

September 20, 6-8 pm

Meijer Gardens’ members can register for voting and get first viewing of the exhibition.

- **Gallery Walks with ArtPrize Artists**

September 22 and 24, 12 pm, free

- **Curator's Choice**

September 27, 7 pm, free

“Sculpture Today: New Forces, New Forms” is sponsored by The Meijer Foundation, Frey Foundation, Botanic and Sculpture Societies of Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation, Bill Padnos, and Charles Schoenknecht and Ward A. Paul.

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Images available upon request. [View thumbnails](#)

About the Artists

- **Mari Andrews** (California) – *Helium*, 2010. Wire and tree moss, 21 x 6 x 6 inches
- **Mary Brogger** (California) – “*Untitled*” (*Persian Rug*), 2009. Cut sheet steel, 108 x 139.5 x 3 inches
- **Margarita Cabrera** (Texas) – *Space in Between—Saguaro*, 2010. Border patrol uniform fabric, copper wire, thread and terra cotta pot, 55.5 x 24 x 24 inches
- **Suzanne Cohan-Lange, Sherry Antonini and Niki Nolin** (Illinois) – *Little Black Dress*, 2009. Mixed media sculptures on steel bases, poetry, video, dresses
- **Austin Collins** (Indiana) – *Technophilia II*, 2011. Concrete, limestone, steel, plastic and other materials
- **Barbara Cooper** (Illinois) – *Peel*, 2008. Wood and glue, 44 x 56 x 12 inches
- **Tory Fair** (Massachusetts) – *In the Wall*, 2010. Resin, mica, and foam, 43 x 26 x 34 inches
- **Dana Freeman** (Michigan) – *Landscape Reliquary*, 2011. Honeybears, plexiglas, water, dye, organic matter, 96 x 48 x 48 inches
- **DeWitt Godfrey** (New York) – *Buttress*, 2010. Corten steel and bolts, 20 x 45 x 10 feet
- **Neil Goodman** (Illinois) – *Shadows and Silhouettes*, 2011. Bronze, 50 inches (height)
- **Yvette Kaiser Smith** (Illinois) – *Etudes from Pi in 5²*, 2011. Crocheted fiberglass, polyester resin, 72 x 94 x 31 inches
- **Stephen Knapp** (Massachusetts) – *Castled Void*, 2009. Light, glass, stainless steel, 15 x 35 x 12 feet
- **Jae Won Lee** (Michigan) – *Sleepwalking around the Peach Garden*, 2010. Recycled paper, threads, tape.
- **Sarah Lindely and Norwood Viviano** (Michigan) – *Kohler Pile*, 2011. Ceramic and glass, 24 x 72 x 96 inches
- **Willie Little** (Utah) – *In Mixed Company*, 2009. Multimedia installation, 8 x 10 feet
- **Dennis Lee Mitchell** (Illinois) – *Latent*, 2011. Welded clay, 6 x 10 x 2 feet
- **Zak Ove** (England) – *Exodus*, 2010. Mixed media, 76 x 32.5 inches
- **Vanessa Paschakarnis** (Nova Scotia) – *Blue Moon*, 2010. Winterstone, graphite and blue pigment, 10 x 14 x 11 inches

- **Ben Pederson** (Wisconsin) – *Float*, 2010. Insulation foam, acrylic paint, wire, canvas, 32 x 41 x 20 inches
- **Bruno Peinado** (France) – *Sans Titre, All Tomorrow's Parties*, 2010. Neon tubes, 4 x 51 x 25 inches
- **Ara Peterson** (Rhode Island) – *Blue/Orange Roll*, 2010. Wood and acrylic paint, 12.5 x 25 x 25 inches
- **Mimi Peterson** (Illinois) – *Cradle Nest*, 2008. Wood, plastic, wire, glass, metal, 40 inches (width)
- **Philip Shore** (Michigan) – *Unfolding the Connections*, 2010. Wood, resin, metal leaf, yarrow, pepper flowers, metal coating, 95 x 50 x 32 inches
- **Lucy Slivinski** (Illinois) – *Forget Me Not*, 2009. Found objects, electric lights, 69 x 58 x 23 inches
- **Eric Tucker** (Indiana) – *Louche*, 2008. Steel and enamel, 45 x 56 x 16 inches

About Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

One of the world's most significant botanic and sculpture experiences, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park serves more than a half-million visitors annually. Meijer Gardens was recently ranked in the top 100 most-visited art museums worldwide by *Art Newspaper*, the leading publication in global art news. The 132-acre grounds feature Michigan's largest tropical conservatory; one of the largest children's gardens in the country; arid and Victorian gardens with bronze sculptures by Degas and Rodin; a carnivorous plant house; outdoor gardens; and a 1900-seat outdoor amphitheater, featuring an eclectic mix of world-renowned musicians every summer. The internationally acclaimed Sculpture Park features a permanent collection including works by Rodin, Oldenburg, Moore, Bourgeois and Plensa, among others. Indoor galleries host changing sculpture exhibitions with recent exhibitions by Picasso, Degas, di Suvero, Borofsky, Calder and Chadwick.

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