

## 21st INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CONFERENCE



Lighted Bridge on the Grand River. Photo: Brian Kelly. Courtesy Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention and Visitors Bureau

## **Sculpture in Public: Part II, Public Art**

**October 2 – 4, 2008  
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Presented in collaboration with the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.

**Events Schedule:** (schedule is subject to change)

Pre-Conference Workshops (**additional fees apply; pre-registration required**):

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### **Saturday, Sept. 27 (ends Oct. 1)**

**9:00AM-  
5:00PM Daily**      [Cast Iron Intensive](#)

**Location:**      Grand Valley State University

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### **Tuesday, September 30th**

**7:00PM-  
9:00PM**      **Registration Open**

**Location:**      [Amway Grand Plaza Hotel](#), North Concourse

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### **Wednesday, October 1st**

**8:00AM-  
Noon**      **Registration Open**

**Location:**      [Amway Grand Plaza Hotel](#), North Concourse

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9:30AM-11:00AM [One Stitch After Another: Crochet as a Sculptural Practice](#)

Location: Urban Institute For Contemporary Arts,  
41 Sheldon Boulevard SE, Grand Rapids, MI

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12:00PM-3:00PM [Computer Aided Design workshop with Russ RuBert](#)

Location: Urban Institute For Contemporary Arts,  
41 Sheldon Boulevard SE, Grand Rapids, MI

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3:30PM-6:30PM [Three Artists – Three Approaches to working in Ceramics](#)

Location: Urban Institute For Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI

[Pre-Conference Tours](#) (additional fees apply; Pre-registration required):

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9:30AM - 6:00PM [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and Western Michigan Campus](#)

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10:30AM - 5:30PM [Oxbow School and Saugatuck](#)

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4:00PM-7:00PM **Registration Open**

Location: [Amway Grand Plaza Hotel](#), North Concourse

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5:00PM - 10:00PM [Pre-Conference Iron Pour Party](#)  
(Pour: 5:00PM – 7:30PM/  
After Party: 7:30PM – 10:00PM)

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7:00PM - 9:00PM **Private Pre-conference Welcome party**

Hosted to by local patron [Mary Ann Keeler](#). **Wine, Buffet, Music with Mark di Suvero’s sculpture in the patio AWL.**

Invitations will be sent to full paying registrants only! Invitations are non-transferable. You must receive an invitation and RSVP to gain admission to this event. Open to qualifying conference registrants only!

Shuttle service from [Amway Grand Hotel](#) will be provided. Shuttles will begin departing at 6:30pm from the Lyons Street entrance.

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7:00PM - 10:00PM [Pre-Conference Iron Pour Party](#)

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## Thursday, October 2nd

**8:30AM -  
11:00AM**      **Registration Opens**

**Location:**    [Amway Grand Hotel](#), South Concourse

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**9:30AM -  
11:00AM**      **Pre-conference Session:**

**Location:**    [Amway Grand Hotel](#), Pantlind Ballroom

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### [Making Sculpture City: the Place of Public Art in Civic Life](#)

**Moderator:**

[Jennifer Geigel Mikulay](#) - Assistant Professor/Public Scholar of Visual Culture at Herron School of Art & Design, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)

**Panelists:**

[Mary Ann Keeler](#) - Vice President, Michigan Special Commission on Art in State Buildings; Commission on Art in Public Places; Consultant for NEA

[Nancy Mulnix Tweddale](#) - Arts Advocate and Community Volunteer

[Paul Wittenbraker](#) - Associate Professor of Foundations and founder of Civic Studio at Grand Valley State University (GVSU)

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**10:00AM -  
4:00PM**      **Open House Grand Rapids Museum of Art**

Conference attendees are admitted to the museum for free with conference badge Wednesday, October 1st through Sunday, October 5th! Be sure to see the newly reopened, first LEED certified museum in the country!

Museum Hours: Wednesday-Thursday: 10am-5:00pm and Saturday. Friday: 10am-9:00pm and Sunday 12 Noon 5:00pm.

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**11:00AM –  
12:30PM**      **Guided Public Art Walking Tours (additional fees apply, pre-registration required)**

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**12:00 Noon**    **Registration Opens Frederik Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park**

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8:45PM      Coffee Reception in honor of Frederik and Lena Meijer

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**Friday, October 3rd**

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9:00AM      Registration and [ISC Book Sale](#) Opens

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10:00AM      Feature Panel of the day:

[Across International Time Zones: Global Efforts in Public Art](#)

**Moderator:**

[Tom Moran](#) – Director of Arts Inclusion/Artist Services, NJ State Council on the Arts

**Panelists:**

[Herve Bechy](#) - Director, art-public.com

[Rosina Santana Castellon](#) - M.S.W., M.F.A.- Adjunct Professor, Escuela de Artes Plásticas de Puerto Rico

[Brad Goldberg](#) - Artist

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11:30AM      Educator Award Presentation to [Ron Pederson](#)

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12:00 Noon      Educator Award Luncheon Honoring [Ron Pederson](#)

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1:00PM –      Art Slam Sessions 2 and 3  
2:00PM

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1:30PM -      [In Dialogue: Michele Oka Doner and Public Commissions](#)  
3:00PM

Presented by: [Joseph Antenucci Becherer](#) Commissioning Curator Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park and [Michele Oka Doner](#)

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1:30PM -      Afternoon Panels  
3:00PM

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[Lessons on Public Art](#)

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**Moderator:**

[Roberley Bell](#) - Professor, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, Rochester, Institute of Technology,

**Panelists:**

[Christina Lanzl](#) - Project Manager, Urban Arts Institute at Massachusetts College of Art and Design

[Foon Sham](#) - Professor, Department of Art, University of Maryland

[John Young](#) - Chair, Sculpture and Public Art Program, University of Washington

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**[Shared Responsibility in the Lives of Artworks in the Public Realm](#)**

**Moderator:**

[Shelley Smith](#) - Art Conservator, Judd Foundation

**Panelists:**

[Michele Cohen](#) - Program Director, Public Art for Public Schools, NYC Department of Education/NYC School Construction Authority

[Tin Ly](#) - Conservation Manager, Public Art and Design Program, Broward Cultural Division

[Barry Tinsley](#) – Artist

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**1:45PM - Mentoring Session: Jack Mackie  
2:30PM**

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**2:30PM – Art Slam Sessions 4 and 5  
3:30PM**

**3:00PM – Coffee Break  
4:00PM**

**3:15PM - Mentoring Session: Ron Pederson  
4:00PM**

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**4:00PM – Art Slam Session 6 and 7  
5:00PM**

**4:15PM - Mentoring Session: Christina Lanzl  
5:00PM**

**3:30PM - Afternoon Panels  
5:00PM**

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**[Framing Public Art History - Developing a Critical Language](#)**

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**Moderator:**

[Harriet Senie](#) - Director of Museum Studies and Professor of Art History, City College, CUNY

**Panelists:**

[Sarah Schrank](#) - Professor, Cal State University

[Erika Doss](#) - Professor, University of Notre Dame

[Cher Knight](#) - Professor, Emerson College

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**Context: Place in Sculpture Making**

**Moderator:**

[Helen Lessick](#) – Public artist; public art consultant, former manager for Washington State Arts Commission; public art collection manager for Seattle and Los Angeles; facilitator for temporary art projects in New York and Portland.

**Panelists:**

[Todd Bressi](#) - Urban Designer, Urban Design, Place Planning, Public Art

[Norie Sato](#) - Artist

[Dennis Montagna](#) - Program Director, Monument Research & Preservation, National Park Service

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**6:00PM - 9:00PM**      **Gallery Hop** - Coordinated by the Grand Rapids Gallery Association

**Location:**      Trolleys to participating galleries will be available. Pick-up location to be confirmed.

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**6:00PM - 11:00PM**      **One Big Art Party**  
Enjoy food, music, and exhibitions. Party headquarters UICA, other featured participants include local artist live/work spaces, [ACTIVESITE](#), and the downtown galleries of both Calvin College and Kendall College of Art & Design.

**Location:**      UCIA, 41 Sheldon Boulevard SE, Grand Rapids, MI

Hosted by Urban Institute For Contemporary Arts (UICA)



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**Saturday, October 4th**

**9:00AM**      **Registration and ISC Book Sale Opens**

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**10:00AM**      Feature panel of the day:

**Brave and Bold: A Critical Review**

**Moderator:**

[Jennifer McGregor](#) - Director of Arts & Senior Curator, Wave Hill

**Panelists:**

[Collette Chattopadhyay](#) – Critic, Los Angeles

[Eleanor Heartney](#) - Critic, Art in America

[Joel Henning](#) - Critic, Wall Street Journal

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11:30PM      Farewell Remarks, Johannah Hutchison, ISC Executive Director

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12:00 Noon    Conference Concludes

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2:00 PM –     Post-conference tour (additional fees apply):  
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**Sunday, October 5th**

9:00 AM –     Post-conference tour (additional fees apply):  
5:30PM

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