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The International Sculpture Center Announces the 2009 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award Competition Winners

Eleven winners selected from more than 441 faculty-sponsored nominees representing over 176 colleges and universities around the world.

An awards presentation honoring the winners will be held on Oct. 10, 2009

Hamilton, NJ, September 14, 2009— The International Sculpture Center, the world's leading non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement, creation and understanding of sculpture and its unique contributions to society today announced the winners of its **2009 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards** competition. This year, 11 talented students were selected from among 441 faculty-sponsored nominees representing 176 art departments at colleges and universities around the world.

Established in 1994, the International Sculpture Center's **Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards** competition was created for the recognition and advancement of college and graduate student's excellence in sculpture. In partnership with educational institutions around the world, the educational outreach awards program encourages faculty members through a nomination process to sponsor students demonstrating exceptional talent in the contemporary art field. David McFadden, Curator, the Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY; Willie Cole, sculptor, New Jersey; and Jeanne Jaffe, Professor and Chair of Fine Arts, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA, served as the panel of judges that selected the 11 winners and 10 honorable mentions at this year's competition.

The International Sculpture Center will honor this year's winners at its annual awards presentation and private reception showcasing their sculpture works at the Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ. The show will run from October 10, 2009 to January 10, 2010. The traveling show will run from March 13, 2010 to August 15, 2010. Winners will receive a biographical profile and photograph of their work featured in *Sculpture* magazine; a chance to win a Residency in Switzerland and study with distinguished sculptor Heinz Aeschlimann; inclusion of their award-winning sculpture published in a color Fall/Winter exhibition catalogue sponsored by the Grounds For Sculpture; and a free one year membership with the ISC.

“This year's winners came from the largest pool of outstanding nominations yet,” said Johannah Hutchison, Executive Director at the International Sculpture Center. “We are especially pleased that the winners will participate in a new aspect of the Student Awards program: a traveling exhibition that will be shown not only at Grounds For Sculpture, but also at the Salt Lake Art Center in Utah and the Blue Star Contemporary Art Center in Texas, giving the selected 11 students exceptional visibility as they begin their artistic careers.”

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2009 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award Winners:

- Luke Achterberg - *Relative* - University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; Faculty Sponsor: Garry R. Bibbs
- Matthew Boonstra - *Manufacturing Sympathies* - Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI; Faculty Sponsor: James L. Lawton and Laura Cloud
- Kandace Collins - *Critical Mass* - Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR; Faculty Sponsor: Marlene Alt
- Sharon Kirby - *Original Grey Intendo* - University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL; Faculty Sponsor: Valerie George
- Robert Loring - *Delftware 2009* - State University of New York at Oswego, Oswego, NY; Faculty Sponsor: Frederick A. Bartolovic
- Casey Lynch - *Levitas* - Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI; Faculty Sponsor: Ellen Driscoll
- Sanford Mirling - *Brandi, Won't You?* - State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY; Faculty Sponsor: Edward Mayer
- Ryan Schwartzkopf - *I Don't Know Whether To Kill Myself Or Go Bowling* - Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA; Faculty Sponsor: David Pagel
- Justin Shull - *Porta Hedge* - Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ; Faculty Sponsor: Gary Kuehn
- Caelie Winchester - *Totem* - University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; Faculty Sponsor: Jonathan W. Hils
- Rachael Wong - *Red Effect* - Alfred University, Alfred, NY; Faculty Sponsor: Brett Hunter