

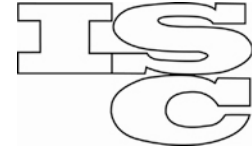
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**THE INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER TO HONOR OLGA HIRSHHORN WITH THE
2012 PATRON AWARD**

(Hamilton, NJ). The International Sculpture Center (ISC), the global nonprofit arts service organization, has announced that the 2012 Patron Award will be presented to Olga Hirshhorn for her outstanding contributions to the arts. This award will be presented on Friday, February 3, 2012 at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples, Florida. The evening will consist of cocktails and an award presentation.

A well-known art collector and philanthropist, Olga Hirshhorn has devoted her life to the appreciation and preservation of art. Along with her late husband, Joseph H. Hirshhorn, she was instrumental in the founding of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C. She has also donated her extraordinary private collection of decorative and fine art to the Corcoran Gallery of Art where she has served as a volunteer and Board member since the 1970's. Olga continues to be an active and valued member of the art community.

The International Sculpture Center's Board of Trustees established the Patron Award in 1993 to recognize individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the advancement of contemporary sculpture. Past winners include Fred and Lena Meijer, Sydney and Walda Besthoff, Georgia and David Wells, Steven Oliver, Toni Beachamp, Rep. Sidney Yates, Sen. Clairbourne Pell and Donald Kendall.

Tickets for the 2012 Patron Award are \$150. For further information, please contact Samantha Rauscher by calling 609.689.1051 ext. 302 or via email at events@sculpture.org. All proceeds from the event benefit the programs and services of the International Sculpture Center.

The International Sculpture Center (ISC) is a member-supported, nonprofit organization founded in 1960 to advance the creation and understanding of sculpture and its unique and vital contribution to society. ISC programming includes awards to lifetime and student sculptors, patrons and educators, ISConnects, the web site www.sculpture.org, conference and symposia, publication of *Sculpture* magazine and ISC Press books and membership services to sculptors, collectors, patrons, architects, developers, journalists, curators, historians, critics, educators, foundries, galleries and museums – anyone with an interest in and commitment to the field of sculpture. Please visit www.sculpture.org for more information.

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