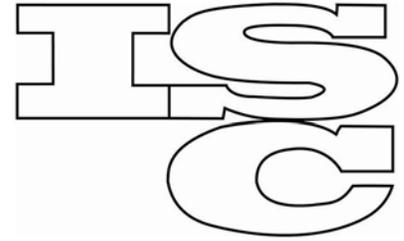


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International Sculpture Center Receives National Endowment for the Arts Art Works Grant to Support “Dialogues and Discoveries” Initiative

Grant One of 895 NEA Art Works Grants Funded Nationwide

The International Sculpture Center (ISC) is pleased to announce that it has been recommended to receive a \$30,000 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Art Works grant. This grant will support the ISC’s “Dialogues and Discoveries” initiative, which seeks to engage working artists and audiences in vibrant conversations about contemporary sculpture through *Sculpture* magazine and the ISC Blog.

Founded in 1982 by the ISC, *Sculpture* remains the field’s preeminent voice, having documented the dynamics that have defined contemporary sculpture for the past thirty years. Through the “Dialogues and Discoveries” initiative, *Sculpture* maintains its voice while expanding its audience reach. Readers can now access *Sculpture* online, through digital subscriptions and via upcoming apps for tablets and smartphones. More than 50 percent of artists featured in *Sculpture* are emerging artists, and their new visions help to propel the dialogue. The initiative will also support the ISC Blog, launched in 2011, which features the most immediate exhibitions, events, regional artists and art. The “Dialogues and Discoveries” initiative will allow creative writers to explore topics they are passionate about and cultivate original voices, while informing the community of new work, approaches, techniques and emerging artists.

Acting Chairman Shigekawa said, "The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support these exciting and diverse arts projects that will take place throughout the United States. Whether it is through a focus on education, engagement, or innovation, these projects all contribute to vibrant communities and memorable experiences for the public to engage with the arts."

The ISC was one of 895 nonprofit organizations nationwide to receive an NEA Art Works grant. In 2013 the ISC's proposal was among 1,528 eligible applications for NEA Art Works grants requesting more than \$75 million in funding. Art Works grants support the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts.

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, and also patrons and educators. The ISC sponsors ISConnects, various conferences and symposia, and is the publisher of *Sculpture* magazine and isc Press publications. Membership services support 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.

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