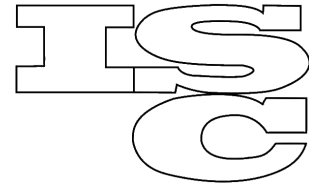


INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER ANNOUNCES 2017 OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE AWARD RECIPIENTS



(Hamilton, NJ) Fifteen students have been awarded the prestigious International Sculpture Center's **Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award** for 2017.

The **International Sculpture Center (ISC)** established the annual "Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award" program in 1994 to recognize young sculptors and to encourage their continued commitment to the field. It was also designed to draw attention to the sculpture programs of the participating universities, colleges and art schools. The award program's growing publicity resulted in an exceptional number of participating institutions; including 137 universities, colleges and art school sculpture programs from five countries for a nominated total of 354 students.

A distinguished panel made up of **Edith Newhall**, art critic for the Philadelphia Inquirer and a frequent contributor to ARTnews, Philadelphia, PA; **Doug Schatz**, Professor of Sculpture at the State University of New York, Potsdam, NY; and **Gary Garrido Schneider**, Executive Director, Grounds for sculpture, Hamilton, NJ; selected **15** recipients, and **16** honorable mentions through a competitive viewing process of the works submitted. The selection of the recipients from a large pool of applicants, including international students, is a great accomplishment and testament to the artistic promise of the students' work.

The 15 award recipients will participate in an Exhibition at Belger Crane Yard Studios, which will be on view October, 2017 in Kansas City Missouri. The artists' work will be featured in the October 2017 issue of the International Sculpture Center's award winning publication, Sculpture magazine as well as on the ISC's award-winning website at www.sculpture.org. The exhibition may also travel to a prestigious art institution (date and location TBD).

2017 Marked the first year ISC collaborated with Grounds For Sculpture (GFS) to create a residency program for award recipients. Each year, two residents will be chosen for a 6 week program on GFS's campus.

This program has been made possible through generous donations by Atlantic Foundation, Gertrud and Heinz Aeschlimann, Doris and Donald Fisher Fund, Grounds For Sculpture, the Johnson Art and Education Foundation, the Jon and Mary Shirley Foundation, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

The ISC is a member-supported, nonprofit organization founded in 1960 to champion the creation and understanding of sculpture and its unique, vital contribution to society. Members include 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 further details.

2017 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award Recipients:

James Bernard Cole- *Precinct*; Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD;
Faculty Sponsor: Maren Hassinger

Nicholas Cox - *Look at me look at me*; University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR;
Faculty Sponsor: Bethany Springer

Shawn Creeden *- *Bower #36*; Portland State University, Portland, OR; Faculty
Sponsor: Erik Geschke

Shane Darwent - *Taco bel Grotto*; University of Michigan, Penny W. Stamps School of
Art & Design in Ypsilanti, MI; Faculty Sponsor: Robert Platt

Cassidy Frye - *Won't Let You Leave*; University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN; Faculty
Sponsor: Jason S. Brown

Guillermo Gutierrez - *Krag*; University of Texas at El Paso, Texas; Faculty Sponsor:
Angel Cabrales

Nooshin Hakim Javadi *- *Life is the aggregation of all moments of desires*;
University of Minneapolis, MN; Faculty Sponsor: Andrea Stanislav

Monroe Isenberg - *Mach XXIII*; University of Maryland Washington, DC; Faculty
Sponsor: Foon Sham

Paloma Jimenez - *Sparkle Aplenty*; Parsons School of Design, Brooklyn, NY; Faculty
Sponsor: Simone Douglas

Sean Merchant - *Salt Box House*; Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; Faculty
Sponsor: Todd Slaughter

Andrew Newell - *Vertical Swamp Shack*; Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland,
OR; Faculty Sponsor: David Eckard & Nan Curtis

Jeremy Nuttall - *A Friend*; University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI; Faculty Sponsor:
Aristotle Georgiades

Galen Odell-Smedley - *Artificial Unintelligence: Creature 1*; School of the Art Institute
of Chicago, IL; Faculty Sponsor: Lan Tuazon

Corey Pickett - *Ray Gun*; Vermont College of Fine Arts, Clovis, NM; Faculty Sponsor:
Danielle Dahline

Elizabeth Thorp - *Strangers*; University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI; Faculty Sponsor:
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*2017 ISC residency at Grounds For Sculpture recipients

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