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INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER ANNOUNCES 2016 OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Hamilton, NJ) Sixteen students have been awarded the prestigious International Sculpture Center's Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award for 2016.

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 148 universities, colleges and art school sculpture programs from eight countries for a nominated total of 376 students.

A distinguished panel made up of Monika Burczyk, Acting Director/President of the Board at Post Contemporary, Troy, NY; Paul Hubbard, Professor of MFA studio art and fine arts at Moore College of Art & Design, Philadelphia, PA; and Emily Nelms Perez, Sculptor, Princeton, NJ; selected 16 recipients, and 23 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 16 award recipients will participate in the Grounds For Sculpture's Fall/Winter Exhibition, which will be on view from October 23, 2016-April 2, 2017 in Hamilton, New Jersey, adjacent to the ISC headquarters. The artists' work will be featured in the October 2016 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 will also travel to a prestigious art institution (date and location TBD).

This program has been made possible through generous donations by 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 International Sculpture Center (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.

2016 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award Recipients:

Krista Anderson - Histories; Bethel University in St. Paul MN; Faculty Sponsor: Ken Steinbach

Ivana Beck - Untitled; University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC; Faculty Sponsor: Patricia Wasserboehr

Zhiwan Cheung - Golden Heritage Living; Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA; Faculty Sponsor: Joseph Mannino

Mark Combs - Pelvis Study One; Spine and Rib Study One; Shoulder Joint Study One; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV; Faculty Sponsor: Dave Rowe

Samantha Diamond - Defective; Moore College of Art & Design in Philadelphia, PA; Faculty Sponsor: Daniel Tucker

Erin Ethridge - Baptism; Alfred University in Alfred, NY; Faculty Sponsor: Sarah Blood

Hayley Fowler - Squatblock; Texas Christian University in Arlington, TX; Faculty Sponsor: Cam Schoepp

Gabriela Galindez - Ceramica Pirata; School of Visual Arts in New York, NY; Faculty Sponsor: Andres Janacua

Richard W. James - Peter to Pay Paul; University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS; Faculty Sponsor: John Hachmeister

Gary LaPointe Jr. - (Rolled Trash Can, Circle Drawing); School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL; Faculty Sponsor: Frances Whitehead

April Martin - You are the Bluest Light; School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL; Faculty Sponsor: Frances Whitehead

Sophie Neslund - Ashley; University of Cincinnati, OH; Faculty Sponsor: Matthew Lynch

Justin Playl - Scoot; University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI; Faculty Sponsor: Aristotle Georgiades

Kyle Thompson - A Holy Curiosity; University of Texas at Arlington, TX; Faculty Sponsor: Darryl Lauster

Sena Wataya - Empty Flag (#1-27); Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ; Faculty Sponsor: Patrick Strzelec

John Patrick Wells - Eaves; School of Visual Arts in New York, NY; Faculty Sponsor: Andres Janacua

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