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INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER ANNOUNCES 2012 OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Hamilton, NJ) Twelve students have been awarded the prestigious International Sculpture Center's *Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award* for 2012.

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 a record number of participating institutions; including 174 universities, colleges and art school sculpture programs from six countries for a nominated total of 434 students.

A distinguished panel made up of Joseph Antenucci Becherer, Chief Curator and Vice President at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park; Donna Dennis, artist and Professor of Art at Purchase College, State University of New York; and Winifred Lutz, artist and Professor Emerita, Sculpture, Tyler School of Art, Temple University, through a competitive viewing process of the works submitted, selected 12 recipients for the 2012 awards.

The 12 award recipients will participate in the Grounds For Sculpture's Fall/Winter Exhibition, which will be on view from October 20, 2012-March 31, 2013 in Hamilton, New Jersey, adjacent to the ISC headquarters. The artists' work will be featured in the October 2012 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 the Bellevue Arts Museum in Bellevue, Washington spring/summer of 2013.

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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.

2012 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award Winners:

- Marie Bannerot McInerney- *Block1*; Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO; Faculty Sponsor: Joan Hall
- Dylan Botelho- *Border, Fence and Tunnel*; University of San Diego, San Diego, CA; Faculty Sponsor: Allison Wiese

- Teresa Carlesimo- *58 hrs*; University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario; Faculty Sponsor: Rod Strickland
- Adriana Corral- *Campo Algodon, Ciudad Juárez, 21 de Febrero de 2007*; University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX; Faculty Sponsor: Margo Sawyer
- Reed Esslinger- *Vested For Apotropaic Breath*; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; Faculty Sponsor: Brad Smith
- Ernesto Gomez- *Long Channeled Tones*; University of Georgia, Athens, GA; Faculty Sponsor: Larry Millard
- Timothy Humphrey- *Reclamation #7*; California State University, Long Beach, CA; Faculty Sponsor: Bryan Crockett
- Kyle Petreycik- *It's Always Sweeter in the South*; Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL; Faculty Sponsor: Mark Anderson
- Jason Ramey- *This Side and the Other*; University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI; Faculty Sponsor: Sarah Fitzsimmons
- Emily Stergar- *Drain*; Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ; Faculty Sponsor: Mary Neubauer
- Christopher Torrez- *Astral Mountain*; Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ; Faculty Sponsor: Susan Beiner
- Amber Whiting- (951) *Parachute Elephant*; Portland State University, Portland, OR; Faculty Sponsor: Erik Geschke

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