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THE INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER ANNOUNCES
2014 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS
Judy Pfaff and Ursula von Rydingsvard to Receive Award

(Hamilton, NJ) The International Sculpture Center (ISC) has announced that the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to world-renowned sculptors Judy Pfaff and Ursula von Rydingsvard at the 23rd Annual Lifetime Achievement Award Celebration. Ms. Pfaff and Ms. von Rydingsvard are expected to attend this event, where arts patrons and professionals will come together in celebration of their remarkable careers. The evening will consist of a cocktail reception, art auction, and an awards ceremony, and will occur in the Spring of 2014 in New York City.

Judy Pfaff weaves landscapes, architecture, and color to create tense, elaborate sculptures and installations that speak to order and disorder simultaneously. A pioneer of site-specific installation art in the 1970s, Pfaff combines painting, drawing, sculpture, installation, and architecture to create works that are equally dependent on intense planning and improvisation. Space seems to expand and collapse in these installations, fluctuating from two to three dimensions with a wide range of materials.

Ursula von Rydingsvard creates massive, carved, emotional sculptures through an intuitive process of carving cedar. The psychological and physiological qualities of the human form are mirrored through these works, with organic surfaces that draw from her Polish heritage, the body, the female shape, domestic objects, and ancient Greek, African, and Asian art. Born in a Polish refugee camp, von Rydingsvard’s work is infused with the emotional experiences of her early childhood and attests to the touch of the hand. In April, 2014 a retrospective exhibition will open at Yorkshire Sculpture Park in England.

Marc LeBaron, ISC Board Chair said, “I am delighted to announce that Judy Pfaff and Ursula von Rydingsvard will be honored with the International Sculpture Center's Lifetime Achievement Award this spring. Both of these most deserving artists are incredible sculptors whose work can be seen around the world. They have both influenced and contributed to the art community immensely.”

The International Sculpture Center’s Board of Directors established the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1991 to recognize individual sculptors who have made exemplary contributions to the field of sculpture. Candidates for the award are masters of sculptural processes and techniques who have devoted their careers to the development of a laudable body of work, as well as to the advancement of the sculpture field as a whole. Past recipients include Magdalena Abakanowicz, Fletcher Benton, Fernando Botero, Louise Bourgeois, Sir Anthony Caro, Elizabeth Catlett, John Chamberlain, Eduardo Chillida, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Mark di Suvero, Nancy Holt, Richard Hunt, Phillip King, William King, Manuel Neri, Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, Nam June Paik, Beverly Pepper, Arnaldo Pomodoro, Gio' Pomodoro, Robert Rauschenberg, George Rickey, George Segal, Kenneth Snelson, Frank Stella, and William Tucker.

To receive additional information about the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award Gala, please contact the events department by calling 609.689.1051, extension 302, or via email at events@sculpture.org. All proceeds from the Gala 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 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.

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