

## THE INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM THE JON AND MARY SHIRLEY FOUNDATION

*Grant for \$25,000 Will Support Upcoming Student Awards and Traveling Exhibition*

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(Hamilton, NJ) The International Sculpture Center (ISC) announced that it has received an award of \$25,000 for the upcoming 2015 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award and traveling exhibition from the Jon and Mary Shirley Foundation.

The award will enable the ISC to continue to recognize undergraduate and graduate excellence in sculpture, as well expand that recognition by providing the students transitioning from education to a career in sculpture with broad exposure for their achievements in the field.

"I am delighted that the Jon and Mary Shirley Foundation recognizes the value of our programming and continues to invest in arts education," said Johannah Hutchison, ISC Executive Director. "This generous support will provide funding to programming that supports young sculptors and provides valuable career-building tools."

Each year, hundreds of students who have demonstrated excellence in the field of sculpture are nominated for the award by faculty sponsors at educational institutions around the world. The applicants' work is reviewed by a panel of jurors including an artist, an educator and a curator, who collectively select the winning students.

Award recipients are included in an exhibition at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey. In addition, the winners' statements and images of their winning sculptures are published in *Sculpture* magazine, as well as on the ISC's website, along with a complimentary one-year membership with the ISC. All award recipients are also invited to compete for a residency program to study in Switzerland with world-renowned sculptor, Heinz Aeschlimann.

This year's recipients will also have the opportunity to participate in a traveling exhibition, which will take place in the fall of 2015 in central Arizona, and will coincide with the International Sculpture Center's 25<sup>th</sup> International Sculpture Conference.

For more on 2014's winners, visit: <http://www.sculpture.org/studentawards/2014/recipients.shtml>

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](http://www.sculpture.org) for further details.

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