STORM KING ART CENTER

STORM KING ART CENTER'S ROBUST 2015 SEASON IS UNDERWAY



Lynda Benglis. Bounty, 2014. Private collection. Fruited Plane, 2014. Courtesy the artist and Cheim & Read, New York. Amber Waves, 2014. Courtesy the artist and Cheim & Read, New York. © Lynda Benglis / Licensed by VAGA, New York, NY. Photograph by Jerry L. Thompson.



Digital Rendering of Storm King Art Center's Sculpture Guide.

Special Exhibitions by Lynda Benglis and Luke Stettner On View

Media Trip: Friday, May 29. Please contact Nicole Rumore to RSVP at Nicole.rumore@fitzandco.com

Storm King's 2015 special exhibitions include Lynda Benglis: Water Sources and Outlooks: Luke Stettner and opened on Saturday, May 16. Lynda Benglis: Water Sources is the first exhibition to display a major grouping of Benglis's large-scale sculptures and fountains installed outdoors, across Storm King's 500-acre site, and inside Storm King's Museum Building. Lynda Benglis: Water Sources includes more than 14 outdoor sculptures-some recently created and on view for the first time-as well as a selection of sculptural works installed throughout six galleries in the Museum Building. Also on view for the 2015 season will be a large-scale temporary installation and photographic collages by artist Luke Stettner, as part of Storm King's annual Outlooks series. The outdoor installation is made using biochar-a form of charcoal-that fills a series of trenches ranging in length from one to 48 feet, visible from Storm King's Museum Hill. The works on view inside the Museum Building include photographs that Stettner has both taken and found as well as a central sculpture that he will create on site.

Newly Published Sculpture Guide Now Available

This spring, Storm King has published a new Sculpture Guide that will enhance and support the visitor experience at Storm King, including information on artworks in the collection and on loan, background information on the artists who created them, and a short history of the Art Center. This project is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts. The guide will be available at the Museum Building gift shop, and through <u>Storm King's online store</u>.



Mark di Suvero. Beethoven's Quartet, 2003. Steel, stainless steel, $24' 7'' \times 30' \times 23' 3$." Courtesy Sidney E. Frank Foundation. © Mark di Suvero, courtesy of the artist and Spacetime, C.C. Photography by Benjamin Lozovsky/Billy Farrell Agency.



Storm King Art Center's 2014 Gala hosted at the Four Season in New York City.



Visitors enjoy an outdoor concert in Storm King's South Fields during the 2014 season. Mark di Suvero, *Mozart's Birthday*, 1989. Gift of Maurice Cohen and Margo Cohen.

The Summer Solstice Celebration at Storm King on June 20

On Saturday, June 20, 2015, Storm King Art Center will host its annual Summer Solstice Celebration—a festive evening in Storm King's idyllic landscape celebrating art and food. During the reception, guests will enjoy private tours of the exhibitions and grounds. Afterwards, they will walk to the di Suvero Fields and savor a gourmet, farm-sourced dinner by Shelley Boris of Fresh Company in Garrison, NY and Peter Hoffman of Back Forty West in New York City. Dinner will be followed by dessert and dancing with a musical performance by Pete Francis.

The Celebration Committee includes Tracy Hoveln & Wes Fuller, Cathy Kuttner Polich & Dick Polich, Alexia Sheinman, Isabel Sheinman, RJ Smith, Lisa Stern, and Lynda Stern & Scott VanderVoort. For tickets, please email summersolstice@stormkingartcenter.org or visit Storm King's website.

The Annual Gala Dinner and Live Auction on October 1

This October, Storm King will host its sixth Annual Gala Dinner and Live Auction at The Four Seasons Restaurant in New York City, honoring Andy Goldsworthy and The Duke of Devonshire. The evening includes a live auction led by James G. Niven, Sotheby's Chairman, the Americas. Co-chairs include Trustee Stephen Trevor and Stephanie Hunt, and honorary chairs include Trustee Peter A. Bienstock, and Joel and Sherry Mallin. The annual fundraising event continues to grow each year. In 2014, Storm King honored Alexander S.C. Rower and the Calder Foundation, celebrating the long-standing relationship between the artist and Storm King. More information about the Annual Fall Gala and Live Auction, please email gala@stormkingartcenter.org.

Live Music, Artist Talks, and Family Programs Through November

Throughout the season, Storm King will host a wide range of events and public programs including three outdoor concerts featuring Porches, Frankie Cosmos (Sunday, June 28, 2PM), Lee Ranaldo (Sunday, August 9, 2PM), and The Feelies with special guests Alex Bleeker and the Freaks (Sunday, September 20, 2PM). Several of the season's ongoing Sunday programs for children and families focus on *Lynda Benglis: Water Sources*, inviting participants to experiment with texture, casting, and the creative possibilities of water flow. On July 12, Luke Stettner will lead a family workshop exploring drawing and charcoal. Stettner will present a larger public program on September 26. For updates on events and programming, visit: http://www.stormking.org/events/



Artist working in The Shandaken Project Studio. Photo courtesy The Shandaken Project.



Dennis Oppenheim, *Architectural Cactus #6*, 2008. Aluminum sheet, composite aluminum, diamond plate aluminum, colored corrugated aluminum, acrylic, fiberglass grating, galvanized steel base, stainless steel hardware. 9 x 6 x8'. Gift of the Watermill Center, New York, NY.



View of the South Fields at Storm King Art Center, All works by Mark di Suvero.

Artist Residency Program: *The Shandaken Project at Storm King* Begins June 15

This year, Storm King Art Center announced its first-ever artist residency program, in partnership with the Catskills-based Shandaken Project. *The Shandaken Project at Storm King* awarded 17 residencies for the season (June through September). The inspirational setting of Storm King Art Center and intimate scale of the on-site housing will allow for intense focus on individual practice and encourages dialogue between residents. The 17 artists chosen for this season's residency work across the disciplines of video, photography, performance, sculpture, poetry, and critical writing. They were selected from a large pool of applicants who responded to an open call. Each artist selected a two- to six-week-long residency. The 2015 residency opens June 15 and runs through September 27. For more details, visit: http://www.stormking.org/artistresidence-html/

Storm King Announces New Acquisition

Dennis Oppenheim's *Architectural Cactus #6* (2008) is now on view at Storm King in the Art Center's North Woods. As evidenced in this work's title, Dennis Oppenheim had a deep interest in both architecture and cacti. He noted that he liked that cacti were both soft and hard, he liked the unpredictable shapes into which they grow, and he liked their prickly nature. Oppenheim created eighteen sculptures in his "Architectural Cactus" series, in six different shapes. The surface of each is designed in various colors and materials, so each sculpture is unique. The series was first produced as a public artwork for a location in the desert landscape of Scottsdale, Arizona. Its site across from a police station led Oppenheim – an artist whose work was frequently off beat and humorous – to design these cactuses to suggest puzzle pieces fit together, like the clues that detectives piece together in the process of solving a crime. *Architectural Cactus #6* will be on view indefinitely at Storm King Art Center.

Storm King Announces New Trustees

Storm King recently appointed two new trustees to their board of directors. Thomas A. Russo was elected to the board in December of 2013, and he and his wife, Georgina, served as chairs for Storm King's 2014 Fall Gala. Stephen Trevor was appointed to the board in late 2014 and will serve as a co-chair for this October's Annual Fall Gala at The Four Seasons Restaurant.

Steve Trevor is a senior managing director for Avenue Capital Group, focusing on distressed-for-control investments. He is also the CEO of Boulevard Acquisition Corp. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Tom Russo has been a partner at Gardner Russo & Gardner LLC, an investment firm based in Lancaster, PA, since 1989. He is also a General Partner at Semper Vic Partnerships. Both Tom and his wife, Gina, are graduates of Dartmouth College, and Tom has degrees from Stanford Business and Law Schools.

About Storm King Art Center

Located in New York's Hudson Valley about an hour north of the George Washington Bridge, Storm King is one of the world's leading sculpture parks, encompassing over 500 acres of rolling hills, verdant fields, and woodlands. These provide space for a collection of more than 100 large-scale sculptures by some of the most acclaimed artists of our time, including Alexander Calder, Mark di Suvero, Andy Goldsworthy, Zhang Huan, Maya Lin, Louise Nevelson, Isamu Noguchi, Claes Oldenburg, Richard Serra, David Smith, and Ursula von Rydingsvard among others.

Storm King is located at 1 Museum Road in New Windsor, New York, one hour from New York City. For information about hours and admission, public transportation, directions, Zipcar discounts, special events, family activities, bike rentals, and the Café, visit www.stormking.org, or call 845-534-3115.

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