

STORM KING ART CENTER

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Sony Corporation of America Donates 21-Foot-Tall Untitled Work from 1994 to Storm King's Collection



Joel Shapiro's Untitled Sculpture from 1994 has been donated by Sony Corporation of America to Storm King Art Center. Gift of Sony Corporation of America.

Mountainville, NY, April 19, 2016—Storm King Art Center is delighted to add Joel Shapiro's 21-foot-tall Untitled (1994) sculpture to its collection, through a generous gift from Sony Corporation of America (SCA). The abstract sculpture is composed of five diagonal bronze beams with allusions to the figurative. Originally commissioned by SCA, the sculpture has been on view in the lobby of SCA's former headquarters at 550 Madison Avenue since 1995. SCA recently moved its headquarters to 25 Madison Avenue in New York. The work will be installed in Storm King's South Fields in advance of the Art Center's May 14 exhibition openings.

Shapiro's minimalist sculpture activates the space it inhabits and invites viewers to experience the sculpture from all angles. The form of the sculpture is inspired by that of a walking man, and exemplifies Shapiro's interest in movement. At the time it was commissioned, the sculpture was the largest work the artist had ever created.

Untitled (1994) is the first work by Joel Shapiro in Storm King's collection. Storm King previously presented work by Shapiro in 1987 as part of the exhibition *The Re-emergent Figure: Seven Sculptors at Storm King Art Center*. John Stern, President of Storm King, says, "This is a remarkable gift from Sony Corporation of America.

I am thrilled that we will have this outstanding work by a great sculptor installed at Storm King for all of our visitors to enjoy in the open air.”

Storm King Art Center marks the start of its new season on April 6, 2016, and remains open to visitors through November 27. On Saturday, May 14, Storm King’s annual exhibitions, *Dennis Oppenheim: Terrestrial Studio* and *Outlooks: Josephine Halvorson*, will open. *Terrestrial Studio*, a significant monographic exhibition of Oppenheim’s work, will feature outdoor and indoor sculpture, installation, sound, film, and photography, as well as two major earthworks conceived by the artist that were not fully realized in his lifetime. *Outlooks: Josephine Halvorson* will present three large-scale, painted, wooden sculptures resembling measures that respond to specific sites in Storm King’s 500-acre landscape. *Dennis Oppenheim: Terrestrial Studio* will be on view through November 13, 2016 and *Outlooks: Josephine Halvorson* will be on view until November 27, 2016. For more information, visit: <http://stormking.org/exhibitions/>.

About Joel Shapiro

Joel Shapiro (b. 1941, New York) received a B.A. and M.A. from New York University (1964, 1969). Since his first solo exhibition in 1970, Shapiro’s work has been the subject of over 100 one-person shows and retrospectives. He has executed more than 30 commissions and publicly sited sculptures in major Asian, European, and North American cities. In his recent investigations of the expressive possibility of form and color in space, the artist suspends painted wooden elements from the ceiling, wall, and floor, exploring the projection of thought into space without the constraint of architecture. In 2011, the artist energized the monumental 43-foot-tall gallery at the Museum Ludwig in Cologne, Germany with 15 vibrantly painted wooden elements.

Joel Shapiro lives and works in New York.

About Storm King Art Center

Storm King Art Center is one of the world’s leading sculpture parks. Located in New York’s Hudson Valley about an hour north of New York City, Storm King encompasses over 500 acres of rolling hills, woodlands, and fields of native grasses and wildflowers. This landscape provides a dramatic backdrop for a collection of more than 100 large-scale sculptures by some of the most acclaimed artists of our time, including Alice Aycock, Louise Bourgeois, Alexander Calder, Mark di Suvero, Andy Goldsworthy, Sol Lewitt, Maya Lin, Louise Nevelson, Claes Oldenburg, Nam June Paik, Richard Serra, David Smith, and Ursula von Rydingsvard, among others.

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

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Image:

Joel Shapiro, b. 1941

Untitled, 1994

Bronze, 21’ x 19’ x 14’

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