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**MADISON SQUARE PARK CONSERVANCY'S
MAD. SQ. ART PRESENTS
LEO VILLAREAL: *BUCKYBALL***

**Opening Reception
Thursday, October 25, 2012**



WHO: Hosted by Madison Square Park Conservancy's Mad. Sq. Art

WHAT: Mad. Sq. Art, the contemporary art program of the Madison Square Park Conservancy, will celebrate the debut of a new monumental light sculpture by acclaimed artist **Leo Villareal** with an evening opening reception in the park on Thursday, October 25, 2012. Largely inspired by the work of Buckminster Fuller, Villareal's ***BUCKYBALL*** will apply concepts of geometry and mathematical relationships within a 30-foot tall, illuminated work. Relying on LED technologies driven by chance, ***BUCKYBALL***'s light sequences will create random compositions of varied speed, color, opacity, and scale that will simultaneously engage, challenge, and invite visitors to experience Madison Square Park in new and exciting ways. The installation will remain on view daily through February 1, 2013. Leo Villareal is represented by Gering & López Gallery, New York.

WHERE: Madison Square Park, entrance at 23rd and Broadway, New York City

WHEN: 6:00-7:30pm, Thursday, October 25, 2012 *Invitation Only

EXPECTED GUESTS:

Arts Patrons, Collectors

Lisa Anastos
Joel & Zoe Dictrow
Jane Holzer
Susan & Michael Hort
Agnes Gund
Toby Devan Lewis
Dorothy Lichtenstein
Amy & John Phelan

Curators, Directors

Diane Brown
Casey Fremont
John Hatfield
Barbara London
Anne Pasternak
Anne Strauss
Yvonne Force Villareal

Artists

John Currin
Carroll Dunham
Rachel Feinstein

Teresita Fernández

Ernie Gehr
Hugh Hardy, Architect
Sean Landers
Iván Navarro
Roxy Paine
Richard Phillips
Matthew Ritchie
Jennifer Rubell
Laurie Simmons
Sarah Sze
Lisa Yuskavage

Gallerists

Sandra Gering
Paul Kasmin
Dominique Lévy
Andrea Schlieker
Betsy Senior

Auctioneer

Tobias Meyer

MORE ABOUT MAD. SQ. ART:

Since 2004, Mad. Sq. Art has commissioned and presented more than twenty premier installations in Madison Square Park by acclaimed artists ranging in practice and media. Mad. Sq. Art has exhibited works by artists including Bill Beirne, Jim Campbell, Richard Deacon, Kota Ezawa, Mark di Suvero, Bill Fontana, Ernie Gehr, Antony Gormley, Jene Highstein, Tadashi Kawamata, Mel Kendrick, Sol LeWitt, Olia Lialina & Dragan Espenschied, Charles Long, Rafael Lozano-Hemmer, Jacco Olivier, Roxy Paine, Jaume Plensa, Shannon Plumb, Ursula von Rydingsvard, Alison Saar, Jessica Stockholder, and William Wegman.

For more information on the Madison Square Park Conservancy and its programs, please visit <http://madisonsquarepark.org>.

Image credit: Detail rendering of Leo Villareal's *BUCKYBALL* (2012) in Madison Square Park. Courtesy of the artist.

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