

Beloved Sculpture Park in Queens Announces Artists in New ‘Socrates Annual’

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Aerial view of Socrates Sculpture Park COURTESY SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK

Socrates Sculpture Park, an outdoor haven conceived by Mark di Suvero more than 30 years ago in New York, has announced the artists chosen for this year’s Socrates Annual, a new name for what has in the past been known as the **Emerging Artist Fellowship Exhibition**. Opening October 1 and running into March 2018, the show will feature 15 projects by emerging artists in Socrates’s scenic surrounds on the shore of the East River in Long Island City, Queens.

Past participants in the yearly exhibition include Hank Willis Thomas (2006), Wade Guyton (2003), and Sanford Biggers (2001), and this year’s artists were selected by the park’s exhibition director, Jess Wilcox, with assistance from Eugenie Tsai, of the Brooklyn Museum, and Melissa Levin, the former vice president of cultural programs for the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council.

Examples of this year's work include a sculpture in resin suggestive of a digital sunset by Devra Freeland, oil paintings of food by Paul Branca, and an installation made to resemble an empty mobile home "complete with shrubbery, an oil tank, front steps, and lawn ornaments" by Amy Ritter.

This year's full artist list follows below.

- Joe Bochynski
- Paul Branca
- Tanda Francis
- Devra Freeland
- Doreen Garner
- Gordon Hall
- Tali Keren & Alex Strada
- Valerie Piraino
- Sreshta Rit Premnath
- Ronny Quevedo
- Amy Ritter
- Moeinedin Shashaei
- David B. Smith
- Laura Swanson
- Wang Xu