INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER ANNOUNCES 2015 OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Hamilton,NJ) Eighteen students have been awarded the prestigious *International Sculpture Center's Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award for 2015*.

The International Sculpture Center (ISC) established the annual "Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award" program in 1994 to recognize young sculptors and to encourage their continued commitment to the field. It was also designed to draw attention to the sculpture programs of the participating universities, colleges and art schools. The award program's growing publicity resulted in an exceptional number of participating institutions; including 158 universities, colleges and art school sculpture programs from six countries for a nominated total of 423 students.

A distinguished panel made up of Chakaia Booker, Sculptor, NY; Kelly Kivland, Assistant Curator at Dia Art Foundation, NY; and Maki Hajikano, Associate Professor of Fine Arts at York College at CUNY, NY; selected 18 recipients and 7 honorable mentions through a competitive viewing process of the works submitted. The selection of the recipients from a large pool of applicants, including international students, is a great accomplishment and testament to the artistic promise of the student's work.

The 18 award recipients will participate in the Grounds For Sculpture's Fall/Winter Exhibition, which will be on view from October 25, 2015-March 27, 2016 in Hamilton, New Jersey, adjacent to the ISC headquarters. The artists' work will be featured in the October 2015 issue of the International Sculpture Center's award-winning publication, *Sculpture* magazine as well as on the ISC's award-winning website at www.sculpture.org. The exhibition will also travel to a prestigious art institution (date and location TBD).

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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 for further details.

**2015 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award Recipients:**

**Kasie Campbell** – *Scopophilia*; University of Alberta in Alberta, Canada; Faculty Sponsor: Royden Mills

**Nathan Clark** – *Monument: 3/28/15*; Brigham Young University in Provo, UT; Faculty Sponsor: Brian Christensen

**Aylan Couchie** – *Sweat Lodge*; Georgian College in Ontario, Canada; Faculty Sponsor: Amy Switzer
Robert Hackett – Archway; University of Maryland in Adelphi, MD; Faculty Sponsor: Foon Sham

Magali Hebert-Huot – Untitled (Chop); Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, MD; Faculty Sponsor: Maren Hassinger

James Helenski – 4 Minutes, 175 Lbs; 5 Minutes, 80 Lbs; 6 Minutes, 60 Lbs; The New England School of Art & Design in Boston, MA; Faculty Sponsor: Audrey Goldstein

Yasmine Kasem – El Qamesha El Wahida (The Lonely Cloth); Herron School of Art and Design in Indianapolis, IN; Faculty Sponsor: Eric Nordgulen, Greg Hull

Trevor King – Listener; University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI; Faculty Sponsor: Susan Crowell

Logan Lape – Soft Compression; Parsons School of Design in New York, NY; Faculty Sponsor: Don Porcaro

Ka Yi Leung – Fungus; California State University, Sacramento in Sacramento, CA; Faculty Sponsor: Andrew Connelly

Sarah McCormick – Dandelion Root; University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR; Faculty Sponsor: Bethany Springer

Brittany Sievers – 10,656 Palms; Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA; Faculty Sponsor: Loren Schwab

Deborah Sperry – One Year Walking -Place, Memory, Ritual; New Jersey City University in Jersey City, NJ; Faculty Sponsor: Brian Gustafson

Gabriel Strader-Brown – Auto Canyon Parameter; University of Wisconsin, Madison in Madison, WI; Faculty Sponsor: Aristotle Georgiades

Ben Suga – Installation Shot; Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ; Faculty Sponsor: Patrick Strzelec

Lianne Wappett – Hello; University of Idaho in Moscow, ID; Faculty Sponsors: J. Casey Doyle and Stacy Isenbarger

Cosmo Whyte – Wake The Town and Tell The People; University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI; Faculty Sponsor: Osman Khan

Shiyuan Xu – Tiny Things #8; Tiny Things #7; See the Unseen; Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ; Faculty Sponsor: Susan Beiner

Click here to see further details on the recipients.

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