



deCordova  
Sculpture Park and Museum

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## DeCordova Awarded Grant from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts

Lincoln, MA, July 16, 2018—DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum is pleased to announce that it has received an \$80,000 grant from [The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts](#) to support its 2020 exhibition *Visionary New England*, organized by Curator Sarah Montross. This grant to deCordova reflects The Foundation's mission to support work of "a challenging and often experimental nature" and encourage "curatorial research leading to new scholarship in the field of contemporary art."

"We're grateful to The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts for this very generous grant, which will help us present this exciting exhibition to the public," says John B. Ravenal, Executive Director at deCordova. "Receiving a highly competitive grant from the Warhol Foundation affirms deCordova's curatorial excellence and allows us to explore exciting partnerships, residencies, and other opportunities to encourage artists and visitors to think about New England art and history in a new way."

*Visionary New England* (opening spring 2020) is a group exhibition of contemporary art inspired by the rich history and ongoing impact of New England's visionary, spiritualist, and utopian practices. From Transcendentalism and utopian agrarian communities in the mid-1800s to the merging of mysticism and psychology in the early twentieth century to the psychedelic experiments of the 1960s, New England has long nurtured alternative ways of creating community and social reform. Grounded in this legacy, *Visionary New England* will feature the work of more than a dozen contemporary painters, photographer, sculptors, video artists, and performers with strong ties to the region. Shown together, their artwork will offer a thought provoking perspective on society and power, as well as a hopeful vision for future harmony between humanity and the natural world. An array of public programs, lectures, performances, and partnerships with nearby historic sites will enrich the exhibition.

This ground-breaking show and publication will take advantage of deCordova's New England roots and stunning 30-acre park to engage audiences interested in contemporary art, New England history and culture, the intersections of faith and ecology, and childhood education.

It will present the work of widely diverse artists, and through an artist-in-residency program for the exhibition, will offer several artists the opportunity to make new work on a greater scale than they have before.

The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts awarded a total of \$3.6 million to forty-two cultural organizations— selected from an applicant pool of 224 nonprofit arts organizations— as part of its spring 2018 grant cycle. The funds will support scholarly exhibitions, publications, and visual arts programming, including artist residencies and new commissions.

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### **About The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts**

In accordance with Andy Warhol's will, the mission of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts is the advancement of the visual arts. The Foundation manages an innovative and flexible grants program while also preserving Warhol's legacy through creative and responsible licensing policies and extensive scholarly research for ongoing catalogues raisonnés projects. To date, the Foundation has given over \$200 million in cash grants to over 1,000 arts organizations in 49 states and abroad and has donated 52,786 works of art to 322 institutions worldwide.

### **About deCordova**

Established in 1950 and located just twenty miles west of Boston, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum is dedicated to fostering the creation and exploration of contemporary sculpture and art through a dynamic slate of rotating exhibitions, innovative learning opportunities, a constantly changing thirty-acre landscape of large-scale, outdoor, modern and contemporary sculpture, and site-specific installations.

### **General Information**

DeCordova's summer hours (Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend) are every day, Monday–Sunday, 10 am–5 pm. DeCordova's winter hours (beginning after Columbus Day weekend) are Wednesday–Friday, from 10 am–4 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 10 am–5 pm. Admission: \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for students (ages 13 and up), and free for children 12 and under. Members, cyclists, Lincoln residents, and active duty military personnel and their families are admitted free of charge with proper ID. Visit [decordova.org](http://decordova.org) or call 781.259.8355 for further information.

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