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## DeCordova announces 2017 Cronin Lecture featuring photographer Laura McPhee

*Lincoln, MA, January 24, 2017*—DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum is pleased to announce that Boston-based photographer **Laura McPhee** will give the 2017 Paul J. Cronin Memorial Lecture on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 pm. McPhee, a professor at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, is known for her stunning large-scale photographs that chronicle how we value and use the landscape. The public is invited to attend this free lecture. Seating is on a first come first serve basis, and RSVPs are requested but not required.

Commenting on the selection, Executive Director John Ravenal observes “Laura’s work speaks to one of today’s most pressing issues—human impact on nature. Her detailed, large-scale images stop us in our tracks with their beauty while also stirring reflection and awareness. We’re excited about her talk and know it will be an important, thought-provoking, and deeply rewarding evening.”

McPhee travels extensively with her large-format camera to document landscapes both strange and familiar in lush color and exquisite detail. Her past projects include photographing the forests of central Idaho, the domestic architecture of Kolkata, India, and the Gateway National Recreation Area, an underused national park in coastal New York and New Jersey. She is currently working in the desert west of the United States, where she is chronicling visual stories about both geologic and human time.

McPhee earned a BA in Art History from Princeton University in 1980, and an MFA in Photography from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1986. She was a recipient of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship in 1993, and she has been honored with awards and fellowships from the Fulbright Institute, the New England Foundation for the Arts, and the Van Alen Institute. Her work has been exhibited nationally and internationally, and her photographs have been compiled into numerous monographs, most recently *The*

*Home and the World, A View of Calcutta*, Yale University Press, 2014. McPhee's work is in the permanent collections of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California, the List Visual Arts Center, MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, California.

### **About the Paul J. Cronin Memorial Lecture**

The Paul J. Cronin Memorial Lecture series was established in 1981 to consider topics broadly focused on changing attitudes towards twentieth and twenty-first century art. The Cronin Lecture series is made possible by a generous grant to deCordova from the Grover J. Cronin Memorial Foundation.

### **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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Laura McPhee



Laura McPhee, Late Summer (Drifting Fireweed), 2007, C-print, 70 x 90 inches (image and paper, sight)

Gift of the artist and Carroll and Sons, Boston

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