DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum
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DeCordova announces the schedule of events and participants for its first Family SculptureFest to take place Sunday, September 19, 2010

Lincoln, MA, September 13, 2010 – DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum will host a new event, Family SculptureFest on Sunday, September 19, 2010 from 10 am–5 pm. This exciting day of campus-wide activities for the entire family will embrace looking, creating, and exploring art inside and outside the Museum.

Director Dennis Kois noted, “Family SculptureFest will be a fun and light-hearted celebration of art for families. DeCordova already provides a range of family and youth art programs and serves as a ‘community center’ for families in the MetroWest area interested in art. We look forward to welcoming other community and cultural organizations to deCordova’s campus and sharing the day with families of all kinds from the Greater Boston area.”

Family SculptureFest is an interactive and collaborative community event designed to inspire children and encourage family engagement with the arts. Various arts and cultural organizations in Lincoln and in the Greater Boston area will lend their talents to the event. DeCordova is honored to partner with the Gropius House, Lovelane, Mass Audubon’s Drumlin Farm, The Walden Woods Project and The Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods, Boston Arts Academy, Bluebird Theatre, Springstep, SCVNGR, FiveSevenDelle, Greg Grady, Ziptivity, Union Park Press, New York Life, Cabot Cheese, Wildflour, Firefly Bodacious Bar-B-Que & Beyond, Boston Properties, and Doherty’s Garage. Media partners are WBUR and Bay State Parent Magazine. DeCordova invites visitors of all ages to celebrate art and all that the Sculpture Park and Museum offers. The day will be comprised of community art projects, art making activities, artist talks, a juried art sale, musical performances, and tours of the exhibitions in the Museum galleries. The shows will include Existed: Leonardo Drew, RUBBERS: Martha Friedman, PLATFORM 3: Halsey Burgund, Scapes, and PLATFORM 4: Type A.

Activities
Eugene Finney of collaborative space FiveSevenDelle will lead the community art project. The group will invite attendees to assist them in creating a mixed media mural on a 20’ x 8’ temporary wall constructed in the Museum’s parking lot. The design of the mural will be based on a visual representation of deCordova’s grounds. Artists from MEME Gallery in Cambridge, MA will also assist with the project.

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Forty tons of sand was delivered to deCordova’s campus on Wednesday, September 8. Greg Grady, a professional sand sculptor who organizes the sand sculpting competitions in Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, and Old Orchard Beach, Maine, is creating sand sculptures this week with his team of artists. Two sculptures are currently in progress and will be completed by September 17. Grady will engage guests in making their own sand sculptures at Family SculptureFest.

Art making activities inspired by works within the Sculpture Park will be available all day. All are welcome to build their own pinecone sculptures based on Ronald Gonzalez’s 2006 work *Cones*. Similarly, participants are challenged to construct their own sculptures based on Sol LeWitt’s *Tower (DC)*. Ziptivity, a web-based resource for family activities in the Metrowest area will host an art making activity inspired by the new exhibition *Existed: Leonardo Drew*.

Park artist Douglas Kornfeld and WBUR’s Arts and Culture Reporter Andrea Shea collaborate in an artist interviewing activity. Andrea will coach kids through the process of interviewing Douglas while recording the activity. The interviews will be available on decordova.org/fest after the event.

The Gropius House, owned and preserved by Historic New England, will conduct an art making activity called Create-A-Card inspired by Walter Gropius himself. On his 60th birthday, Gropius received a gift of greeting cards from his closest friends, colleagues, and family—each card was different in decoration and spirit. Inspired by this gift, Family SculptureFest participants of all ages will be able to create personal greetings from a supply of unique materials.

Lovelane, another Lincoln-based organization that provides therapy to special needs children through horseback riding, is bringing a life-size fiberglass horse for visitors to collectively paint throughout the day.

The Walden Woods Project and Thoreau Institute will bring a Henry David Thoreau character to interact with guests in the Park and read Thoreau’s literature on the Sculpture Park Terrace. Another Lincoln neighbor, Mass Audubon’s Drumlin Farm, will bring a creature from its farm for kids to see and learn about on campus.

Meg Muckenhoupt, author of *Boston’s Gardens & Green Spaces* and Christopher Klein, author of *Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands* and *The Die-Hard Sports Fan’s Guide to Boston* will join publisher Union Park Press to sign copies of their books.

DeCordova’s programs such as tours of the exhibitions, cell phone audio tours, Family Activity Kits, Story Hour, a special Family SculptureFest scavenger hunt by SCVNGR, and the new deCordova iPhone App by Bright Carrot will also be offered at Family SculptureFest.
Performances
Additional programs for *Family SculptureFest* include an array of entertainment and live musical performances. The Boston Arts Academy (BAA) Spiritual Ensemble, under the direction of music teacher Tyrone Sutton, will give two performances.

Groups from the organization Springstep will enliven the *Family SculptureFest* stage. Acts include Dance Caliente; Iconic Movement, New England’s only all male non-collegiate step team; and Cornell Coley and the Sugarfoot Band, Latin Jazz musicians that blend sounds from the US, the Caribbean, and Brazil.

Big Nazo, the internationally renowned group of puppet performers and masked musicians, will also join the day’s festivities.

Family puppetry troupe Bluebird Theatre, Donald Saaf and Julia Zanes and their two young sons Isak and Olaf, will perform a show filled with imagery inspired by family life, fairy tale scenes, and worlds filled with alluring characters and spirit.

Juried Art Sale
More than forty artists from the New England community have been selected for the juried art sale. Items include glasswork, photography, painting, sculpture, woodwork, jewelry and other wearable art. Preview samples of the artists’ work at [http://www.decordova.org/fest/artsale.html](http://www.decordova.org/fest/artsale.html).

Pricing
Admission will be $15 for adults 18 years and older and $12 for youth 5-17 years old, students, and seniors age 60 and above. FREE admission is offered to Lincoln residents, children under 5, Members, Corporate Members, and Active Military Personnel. *Family SculptureFest* is a rain or shine event. Admission includes entry to the Museum galleries and all *Family SculptureFest* programming. Advanced admission sales are also available at reduced rates. For those interested in volunteering on the day of the event or purchasing tickets in advance, please visit [http://www.decordova.org/fest/](http://www.decordova.org/fest/) for more information.

Wildflour, Firefly Bodacious Bar-B-Que and Beyond, and Herrera’s Mexican Grill will sell healthy, family friendly options. DeCordova’s Store and Café in addition to its new outdoor Courtyard Café will also be open at this time.

Parking
No parking is permitted on deCordova’s campus on September 19. All parking is free at Reservoir Place, 1601 Trapelo Road, Waltham. Doherty’s Garage in Lincoln will provide free shuttle bus service between deCordova and Reservoir Place from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Admission to *Family SculptureFest* can be purchased at Reservoir Place as well as the campus’ entrance.
Schedule of Events

10 am   Family Sculpture Fest begins!
         Ongoing Activities:
         Sand Sculpting with Greg Grady
         Horse Painting with Lovelane
         Community Art Mural with FiveSevenDelle
         Art Making with Ziptivity
         Pine Cone Sculpture-making
         Sol LeWitt-inspired Tower-making

10:30–11:15 am   Big Nazo performs in the Sculpture Park

10:45–11:30 am   Bluebird Theater performs in the Museum’s Dewey Gallery
         Story Hour in the Lincoln Nursery School classroom – Studio 4

11–11:30 am   Boston Arts Academy performs under the Main Stage Tent

11–11:45 am   Tour of Existed: Leonardo Drew in the Museum

11 am–12 pm   Artist interviewing activity with Park Artist Douglas Kornfeld and
               WBUR’s Andrea Shea in front of Ozymandias sculpture in the Sculpture Park

11 am–2 pm   Henry David Thoreau character strolls through the Park and delivers
               readings on the Sculpture Park Terrace

11:45–12:30 pm   Big Nazo performs in the Sculpture Park
         Tour of Existed: Leonardo Drew in the Museum

12–12:30 pm   Boston Arts Academy performs under the Main Stage Tent

12:15–1 pm   Story Hour in the Lincoln Nursery School classroom – Studio 4

12:30–1:15 pm   Bluebird Theater performs in the Museum’s Dewey Gallery

1–2 pm   Artist interviewing activity with Park Artist Douglas Kornfeld and
         WBUR’s Andrea Shea in front of Ozymandias sculpture in the Sculpture Park

1:15–2 pm   Big Nazo performs in the Sculpture Park

1:30–2:30 pm   Cornell Coley and the Sugarfoot band performs under Main Stage Tent
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2:30–3:15 pm  Tour of Existing: Leonardo Drew in the Museum

Story Hour in the Lincoln Nursery School classroom – Studio 4

2:45–3:15 pm  Iconic Movement performs in the Museum’s Dewey Gallery

3–3:45 pm  Big Nazo performs in the Sculpture Park

3:30–4:30 pm  Dance Caliente performs under the Main Stage Tent

5 pm  Family SculptureFest ends

About deCordova
DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum was established in 1950 to educate the public about American contemporary art. DeCordova’s unique campus features both indoor and outdoor venues, allowing its visitors to celebrate and explore contemporary art across 35 acres. Inside, the Museum features a robust slate of rotating exhibitions and innovative interpretive programming. Outside, deCordova’s Sculpture Park hosts more than 60 works, the majority of which are on loan to the Museum. DeCordova also offers the largest non-degree granting studio art program in New England. DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum attracts more than 100,000 visitors from New England and tourists from around the world to its campus each year and enrolls more than 3,000 students of all ages in its studio art program.

General Information
DeCordova is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 am to 5 pm and on selected Monday holidays. General admission during Museum hours is $12 for adults; $8 for senior citizens, students, and youth ages 6-12. Children age 5 and under, Lincoln residents, and Active Duty Military Personnel and their dependents are admitted free. The Sculpture Park is open year-round during daylight hours. Guided public tours of the Museum’s main galleries take place every Thursday at 1 pm and Sunday at 2 pm. Tours of the Sculpture Park are given on Saturday and Sunday at 1 pm from April to November. All guided tours are free with Campus admission. Visit www.decordova.org or call 781.259.8355 for further information.

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