



deCordova
Sculpture Park and Museum

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DeCordova Awarded \$150,000 Grant from the Henry Luce Foundation

Lincoln, MA, January 22, 2019—DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum is pleased to announce that it has received a \$150,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to support *Visionary New England*, an exhibition and catalogue opening in 2020, organized by Curator Sarah Montross. *Visionary New England* was chosen as one of a select slate of exhibitions determined by the Henry Luce Foundation's American Art Program to "exemplify the highest standards of scholarship and museum expertise in the field."

"We're honored and grateful to receive this incredibly generous grant from the Henry Luce Foundation," says John B. Ravenal, Executive Director at deCordova. "Not only does it greatly support our efforts in bringing this significant exhibition to the public, but it also speaks to the creativity, thoughtfulness, and innovation demonstrated by our curatorial team."

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, photographers, 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 its accompanying 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 specific to the exhibition, will offer several artists the opportunity to make new work on a greater scale than they have before.

Visionary New England has also received support from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts and other funders.

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About the Henry Luce Foundation

The Henry Luce Foundation seeks to enrich public discourse by promoting innovative scholarship, cultivating new leaders, and fostering international understanding. The Foundation advances its mission through grantmaking and leadership programs in the fields of Asia, higher education, religion and theology, art, and public policy.

The Foundation's American Art Program, a leader in arts funding since 1982, supports museums, arts organizations, and universities, in their efforts to advance the understanding and experience of American and Native American visual arts through research, exhibitions, collection projects, and publications.

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 winter hours (beginning after Columbus Day weekend) are Wednesday–Friday, 10 am–4 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 10 am–5 pm. DeCordova's summer hours (Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend) are every day, Monday–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 or call 781.259.8355 for further information.

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