

I-Park Foundation, Inc.

Artists-in-Residence Program

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I-PARK'S SITE-RESPONSIVE ART BIENNALE GETS A FREE ENCORE SHOWING AUGUST 26

East Haddam, CT (August 2, 2017) — Rain put a damper on June's Site-Responsive Art Biennale, so I-Park has scheduled a special encore showing for Saturday, August 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Rain date Sunday, August 27.)

Launched in 2007 and now in its 6th edition, the Site-Responsive Art Biennale invites a dozen artists in a variety of disciplines to spend three weeks at I-Park's 450-acre campus in East Haddam, creating ephemeral works that respond to the property's natural and built environments. The resulting pieces range from a floating sauna to sound installations to a small castle constructed of bamboo, saplings and grasses. The residency proves to be a challenging, enriching experience for the artists, and gives members of the public a fascinating glimpse into the creative process.

Unfortunately, June 4's exhibition brought torrents of rain, which discouraged some visitors from attending and sent others scurrying home before they'd had a chance to see all the works on display. So the August 26 showing was added to I-Park's calendar as a courtesy to those who may have missed the earlier date, and to introduce new audiences to this extraordinary, once-every-two-years event. Although the artists will not be present for this encore showing, 11 of the 12 installations can be experienced that day.

In addition to the art, there will be a food truck stationed on the I-Park grounds throughout the event. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy a picnic lunch, stroll I-Park's trails, and make an afternoon of it.

The event is free, but a ticket is required for admission. Visit i-park.org to register. For additional information, contact the office at (860) 873-2468, or e-mail events@i-park.org.

Participants in I-Park's 2017 Site-Responsive Art Biennale:

Kristin Cammermeyer, Sound Art/Installation, California

Xia Gao, Visual Arts/Installation, Michigan/China

Alexander Hanson, Visual Arts/Installation, Minnesota

Hugh Livingston, Sound Art/Installation, California

Herb Parker, Visual Arts/Installation, South Carolina

Alessandro Perini, Sound Art/Installation, Sweden/Italy

Julie Poitras Santos, Site-Responsive Walk, Maine

Bridget Quinn, Text-Based Installation, Michigan

Andrew Ranville, Architectural/Interdisciplinary, Michigan/U.K.

Sam Stocker, Visual Arts/Installation, Japan/U.K.

Hannah Streefkerk, Visual Arts/Installation, Sweden

Erica van Loon, Cross-disciplinary/Interdisciplinary Practice, Netherlands

Hi-res photos available upon request.

About I-Park: I-Park is an artists-in-residence program offering fully funded four-week residencies in visual arts, architecture, moving image, music composition/sound art, creative writing and landscape/ecological design. Since its founding in 2001, I-Park has sponsored more than 800 residencies, and has developed cross-disciplinary projects of cultural significance and brought them into the public domain. I-Park's 450-acre campus encourages dialogue between the natural and built environments, and has been the setting for exhibitions, performances, symposia, and programs that facilitate artistic collaboration. For more information, visit i-park.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT: I-Park's Site-Responsive Art Biennale

WHEN: Saturday, August 26, 10 am–2 pm (Rain date Sunday, August 27, same hours)

WHERE: I-Park, 428 Hopyard Road, East Haddam, CT

ADMISSION: Free, but reservations requested at i-park.org

FURTHER INFORMATION: Call (860) 873-2468, write events@i-park.org, or visit i-park.org