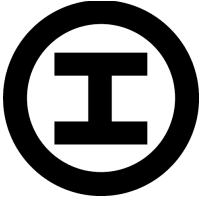


## SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK



### 2009 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

#### ABOUT SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK

Socrates Sculpture Park was an abandoned landfill and illegal dumpsite until 1986 when a coalition of artists and community members, under the leadership of sculptor Mark di Suvero, transformed it into an open studio and exhibition space for artists and a neighborhood park for local residents.

Located in an industrial neighborhood in Long Island City, Socrates is a waterfront park that overlooks the Manhattan skyline; the site is an affecting and inspiring place for artists to work and a spectacular setting for the presentation of public art. To date, Socrates has hosted over 700 artists and currently attracts more than 73,000 visitors annually.

Socrates Sculpture Park is the only site in the New York Metropolitan area specifically dedicated to providing artists with opportunities to create and exhibit large-scale sculpture and multi-media installations in an outdoor environment that invites interaction between artists, artworks and the public. Socrates is world renowned as a laboratory where experimentation and innovation expand, reinvent and redefine the tradition of art in public spaces.

#### ARTIST INFORMATION SESSION

**NOVEMBER 2, 2008**

**1PM - 3PM**

Socrates Sculpture Park will be hosting an artist information session in the Park's outdoor studio. We will review the application process, tour the studio facilities, and give an overview of the Park's history and programming, focusing specifically on our annual exhibitions.

We will be addressing questions regarding the application process, and exhibiting and working at Socrates. We highly encourage all interested applicants to join us for this event.

**Please RSVP by November 1 to: [mt@socratessculpturepark.org](mailto:mt@socratessculpturepark.org)**

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Artists seeking a Socrates Sculpture Park grant are strongly encouraged to visit the Park before submitting their application. Applicants must take into account the site's rugged, urban outdoor environment and be aware that sculptures installed in the Park must meet safety requirements and be able to withstand the effects of weather and public use. Visiting the site will give applicants a clearer idea of the factors that effect installations at the Park and an overview of the facilities that the Park has to offer, including the tools and equipment available in the studio and the materials and resources available in Long Island City.

Artists can apply for one or more of the following exhibition categories:

- **Spring Exhibition**
- **Emerging Artist Fellowship Program**
- **Open Space**
- **FLOAT**

If you are applying for more than one exhibition category, you only need to send one application package.

Grants and fellowships are not available to artists who are enrolled in a school, college or university program.

## **Spring Exhibition**

For spring 2009, the Park will present an exhibition entitled *State Fair*. The show will open on May 3 and remain on view until early August. *State Fair* will cast the Park as a fairground, creating a platform for artists who are inspired and influenced by themes and subject matter relating to American rural society. The exhibition will include works that examine topics such as animal husbandry, local agriculture, specialized horticulture, traditional craft, and presentation, pageantry and competition within these fields. The exhibition will also address the wide variety of entertainment, rides, amusements and foods traditionally presented at state fairs.

For this exhibition, Socrates will provide artists with funding, administrative and technical assistance, a one to three month residency in the outdoor studio, and access to facilities, materials and equipment to create a new work - or will assist with shipping and rigging to place an already existing work - to be presented in the Park. The amount of financial support available to artists is contingent upon the requirements of their project and the funding that Socrates receives to support this exhibition.

### **Eligibility:**

This program is open to all artists, nationally and internationally, but Socrates cannot provide an housing or transportation. Artists living outside New York will have to make their own living and travel arrangements.

## **Emerging Artist Fellowship Program**

Fellowship artists are selected through an open application process. Proposals are reviewed by an advisory committee composed of past EAF recipients, prominent curators, artists, writers, gallerists, and arts administrators and the Park's Executive Director and Exhibition Program Manager. Following the first round of selections, Socrates staff members meet with the artists individually to discuss their proposal in greater detail and assist them with the development, engineering and fabrication of the project.

Emerging Artist Fellowship recipients are granted financial support in the amount of \$5,000, a two to six month residency in the outdoor studio, and access to facilities, materials, equipment and technical assistance to create a work for the annual ***Emerging Artist Fellowship Exhibition*** (opening September 2009). Fellows are also given the administrative assistance to do additional fundraising for their project, procure in-kind support and pursue future commissions, residencies and placement for their work.

### **Eligibility:**

Fellowships are awarded to artists who are not yet well established, are New York State residents and are in need of financial assistance.

## **Open Space**

Socrates grants are also awarded for single artist projects and collaborations that are presented as separate exhibitions throughout the year. Through the Open Space program, Socrates provides artists with funding, administrative and technical assistance, a one to six month residency in the outdoor studio, and access to facilities, materials and equipment to create a new work - or will assist with shipping and rigging to place an already existing work - for exhibition in the Park. Funding for this program varies from year to year and the amount of financial support available to artists is contingent upon the requirements of a given proposal and the grants that Socrates receives to support the Open Space exhibitions.

### **Eligibility:**

This program is open to all artists, nationally and internationally, but Socrates can not provide any housing or transportation. Artists living outside New York will have to make their own living and travel arrangements.

## **FLOAT**

FLOAT is a biennial series of site-specific, temporary, interactive and ephemeral works that are installed, performed and screened throughout the Park. The series was launched in 2003 to address the environment of the Park, enabling participating artists to explore site-specific practice through a variety of media and formats.

### **Eligibility:**

This program is open to all artists, nationally and internationally, but Socrates cannot provide any housing or transportation. Artists living outside New York will have to make their own living and travel arrangements.

**Information about Socrates Sculpture Park, grant application guidelines, and the Artist Information Session are also available on the web: [www.socratessculpturepark.org](http://www.socratessculpturepark.org)**

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To submit an application to Socrates Sculpture Park, please send:

APPLICATION FORM

A copy of the application form is attached. The completed form must be included with your application materials.

CURRENT RESUME

The resume should include information about your education; exhibition history; awards, grants and residencies; and details of any published writings, reviews or catalogues about your work.

REFERENCES

Please provide the names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of two people who are familiar with your work.

10 DIGITAL IMAGES

Images should be of recent work, particularly if they relate to your proposal for Socrates Sculpture Park. Images should be submitted in digital format. We do not accept slides or transparencies.

Submit digital images on a Mac compatible CD in jpg format. The CD must be labeled with your full name. The ten images on the CD should all be in one file labeled with your first initial and last name followed by \_ images (example JSmith\_images). Within that file, each image must be labeled with your first initial and last name and numbered to correspond to the image script (example: 01\_JSmith.jpg, etc). Each image must be no more than 300 dpi at approx. 4 x 5 inches, file size no larger than 1200 by 1600 pixels and maximum of 5.5MB per image.

IMAGE SCRIPT

This is a numbered list corresponding to the submitted images. For each image, include the title, date, materials and dimensions and, if necessary, a brief description of the work.

(5) COLOR LASER COPIES, PHOTOGRAPHS OR DIGITAL PRINTS

These should be a selection of prints from the images submitted (do not send images of works that are not included in the image script). Be sure to label each one with your name and a number that corresponds to the image script.

PROPOSAL

Include a brief description of the work that you would like to produce and exhibit at Socrates Sculpture Park. This can be a written description and/or a drawing, plan or rendering.

SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED POSTCARD (OPTIONAL)

If you would like to have notification that your application package was received, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard. We will mail the postcard when we process your application.

**Be sure to put your name, address and telephone number on all application materials.**

**Please do not send:**

- materials larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches
- original artwork
- large format transparencies or slides

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK OFFICE BY 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009.**

**PLEASE NOTE, APPLICATION MATERIALS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.**

**ARTISTS SELECTED FOR THE 2009 EXHIBITIONS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN THE EARLY SPRING.**

## **MAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

You can send your application by regular mail to:  
Socrates Sculpture Park  
2009 Grant Application  
PO Box 6259  
Long Island City, NY 11106-0259

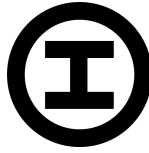
**Please do not send your application by registered mail or return receipt.**

Applications sent by Federal Express, UPS or other private carrier should be sent directly to our offices and should be addressed:

Socrates Sculpture Park  
2009 Grant Application  
32-01 Vernon Boulevard at Broadway  
Long Island City, NY 11106  
telephone: 718-956-1819

To deliver your application by hand, please come to the office between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

**Applications will not be accepted after 5:00 pm on Monday, January 26, 2009.**



**SOCRATES  
SCULPTURE  
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**2009 APPLICATION FORM**

**DEADLINE: JANUARY 26, 2009**

Please print clearly or type.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check box indicating your application categories:

**If you are applying for more than one exhibition category, you only need to send one application package.**

- Spring Exhibition
- Emerging Artist Fellowship Program
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- FLOAT

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SIGNATURE

## **SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

- APPLICATION FORM
- CURRENT RESUME
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- CD of IMAGES
- IMAGE SCRIPT
- COLOR LASER COPIES, PHOTOGRAPHS OR DIGITAL PRINTS
- PROPOSAL
- SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED POSTCARD (OPTIONAL)

### **MAIL TO:**

(VIA US POSTAL SERVICE)

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(VIA SPECIAL DELIVERY)

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