ANNOUNCING EAF16 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK’S
16th ANNUAL EMERGING ARTIST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

NEW YORK, November 19, 2015—Socrates Sculpture Park invites artists across New York City to submit proposals for the 2016 Emerging Artist Fellowship (EAF16), a residency program and exhibition that awards fifteen artists the opportunity to envision, produce, and exhibit sculpture and installation in the park.

In 2016 Socrates Sculpture Park celebrates its 30th Anniversary and to mark this special occasion, EAF16 will feature artist projects that specifically address the idea of “Socrates as Place.” For this thematic exhibition, we request proposals for site-specific sculptures and installations that address social, ecological, or political issues that are pertinent to the history, present, and future of the park. Proposals should be truly “site specific.” EAF has traditionally been a platform to explore Socrates Sculpture Park in new and compelling ways, and this year will emphasize that role.

DEADLINE
Monday, January 25, 2016
11:59 p.m. EST

SITE
Prior to preparing proposals, applicants are strongly encouraged to visit Socrates, a unique waterfront sculpture park located in an industrial area of Long Island City, Queens, and to explore our website to learn about the history and context of the organization and exhibition archive. Competitive applications will thoughtfully use space, material, and/or process to create a conceptual or physical public experience.

AWARD, RESIDENCY, AND EXHIBITION
EAF16 recipients will receive a $5,000 production grant to support their project, and a five-month studio residency that includes 24/7 access to the resources and fabrication facilities of the park’s outdoor studio. The completed works will become part of an outdoor exhibition, opening in late September 2016. Administrative support for additional fundraising, securing in-kind contributions, and marketing may also be available. An electronic publication will accompany the exhibition and be made available online, for free, with two printed copies provided to EAF16 artists.

ELIGIBILITY
Fellowships are awarded to artists whose careers and artistic practices would benefit from the opportunity. This program prioritizes support for NYC-based artists; however artists outside of the city are eligible to apply if residing in NYC during the fellowship.
SUPPORT
We are eternally grateful for longstanding support from the Jerome Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, and The New York Community Trust, which has enabled the Emerging Artist Fellowship program to grow and evolve since its founding in 1995.

Socrates Sculpture Park's Exhibition Program is also supported by the generosity of Bloomberg Philanthropies, Charina Endowment Fund, Mark di Suvero, Sidney E. Frank Foundation, Maxine and Stuart Frankel Foundation, Agnes Gund, Lambert Foundation, Ivana Mestrovic, Plant Specialists, Shelley and Donald Rubin, Spacetime C. C., and Robert and Christine Stiller.

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About Socrates Sculpture Park
For nearly three decades Socrates Sculpture Park has been a model of public art production, community activism, and socially inspired place-making. Known for fostering experimental and visionary artworks, the park has exhibited more than 1,000 artists on its five waterfront acres, providing them financial and material resources and outdoor studio facilities to create large-scale artworks on-site. Socrates is free and open to the public 365 days a year from 10am to sunset and is located at the intersection of Broadway and Vernon Boulevard in Long Island City, New York.

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