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HUDSON RIVER SCULPTURE TRAIL DEDICATION CELEBRATION
TO TAKE PLACE SEPT 30 IN HAVERSTRAW

Celebration open to public starts at 2 p.m.; local sculptors asked to propose artworks

VALHALLA, N.Y. (Sept. 20) – Significant outdoor sculptures will soon grace public riverfront promenades on both sides of the Hudson. The major works along the Hudson River Sculpture Trail will be situated near ferry landings and train stations in order to be accessible to tourists coming by public transportation as well as local residents. Works by local artists will also be included in the sculpture trail.

The Hudson River Sculpture Trail opens to the public from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30 at Harbors at Haverstraw, a new riverfront residential community on the Hudson in Haverstraw, N.Y.

A formal dedication ceremony beginning at 3 p.m. includes the launch of The Hudson River Sculpture Trail at Haverstraw and the announcement of a request for proposals for a sculpture by a regional artist. Speakers at the event will include exhibition curators, local officials and other invited guests. Exhibiting artists will be on hand to discuss their work.

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The Hudson River Sculpture Trail

The Hudson River Sculpture Trail is a visionary and ambitious project for the Hudson River. The goal is to bring 100 significant outdoor sculptures to the banks of the Hudson River from Manhattan to Saratoga by September 2009, when the celebration of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's historic journey up the Hudson River is scheduled to take place. This celebration is expected to draw international attention to the Hudson Valley and the beautiful old towns lining its shores.

"Creating a continuous promenade is one way to entice people to the River. However, providing them with special places and art works to visit is a way to get them moving up and down the river," said Martin Ginsburg, who has already contributed \$200,000 towards the creation of the trail. Ginsburg hopes that other developers building along the river and business and community leaders will join him in creating this sculpture trail. He believes that the initiative will help bring tourists to the area to enjoy not only the beautiful river but internationally acclaimed works of art.

Exhibiting Artists

The Sculpture Trail at Haverstraw's exhibiting artists include:

Chakaia Booker, a Manhattan-based artist known nationally and internationally for her public art work and her expressive, abstract sculptures made of recycled rubber tires who has received numerous commissions to create public art in sculpture parks across the country;

John Clement, an artist based in Brooklyn, N.Y., who works with painted steel and who formerly was an artist-in-residence at Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City, N.Y.;

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Joel Graesser, an Indiana native who makes his home in Long Island City, N.Y., whose use of geometry and steel is evocative of the works of David Smith, Alexander Calder and Mark di Suvero.

Claes Hake, a Swedish sculptor known for his large-scale works in stone and steel whose work is represented in the collections of numerous museums in Sweden, Denmark and Norway;

Peter Lundberg, a Vermont-based sculptor acclaimed for his massive concrete and steel sculptures and for the development of the Connecticut Sculpture Park in Seaside Park, Bridgeport, Conn.;

Deborah Masters, a Brooklyn-based sculptor known for her larger-than-life, rough-hewn figures whose monumental “Walking New York” greets visitors at Terminal Four of John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, JFK’s main international arrivals gateway.

The Sculpture Trail at Haverstraw was conceived and curated by Peter Lundberg, one of the exhibiting artists, and Michael Manjarris, a sculptor who works in Texas limestone and marble and who is known for his monumental outdoor sculpture projects and the design of several Texas sculpture parks.

Drawings, small sculptures and photographs of works by the exhibiting artists will also be on display from Sept. 30 - Nov. 5 at River Stone Arts at the River Stone Antiques & Design Center, 37 West Broad Street in Haverstraw. An opening celebration will be held at River Stone from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. A shuttle bus will carry visitors between The Harbors at Haverstraw outdoor exhibition and the River Stone Arts gallery show.

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Request for Proposals for a Sculpture by a Haverstraw-Area Artist

In conjunction with the installation of the current sculptures, a request for proposals is being issued for the siting of a sculpture by an artist from Rockland County. This artwork, which will be prominently featured on the Harbors at Haverstraw site, will remain on display for up to three years. In subsequent years, works by other artists will be displayed at the same site, resulting in a rotating exhibition space for work by area artists. Beginning Sept. 30, copies of the request for proposals will be available by writing to Sculpture Trail at Haverstraw Request for Proposals, c/o The Hudson River Sculpture Trail, 100 Summit Lake Drive, Valhalla, New York 10595, or by calling The Hudson River Sculpture Trail Information Line at (914) 747-3600 (press 7).

Future Plans for The Hudson River Sculpture Trail

The Sculpture Trail at Haverstraw is the first in a series of sculpture presentations to be installed along the banks of the Hudson River. Among the communities to be approached for participation in the Sculpture Trail are Ossining and Peekskill, as well as other cities and towns in which riverfront development is under way.

The Hudson River Sculpture Trail will be accompanied by literature and programs designed to bring local area residents and students in contact with the artwork and to educate viewers about the artists and their work. Special art-related education programs will be designed in conjunction with community Advisory Committees consisting of local community leaders and residents, who will assist in developing programs that reflect the needs and interests of each community.

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The Sculpture Trail at Haverstraw

The Sculpture Trail at Haverstraw is a permanent display that can be visited seven days a week during daylight hours. For more information and travel directions to Harbors at Haverstraw, contact (914) 747-3600 (press 7) or visit www.hudsonriversculpture.org.

Driving Directions to Harbors at Haverstraw

From the South: Take the NYS Thruway (Route 87) North to Exit 12. Make a right at the light. At the next light, make a left on Route 303 North and follow to the end. Bear left on Route 9W North. Continue on 9W through two lights. After the second light, proceed about ¼ mile, make a right on Short Cove Road (go over the tracks). About ¼ mile, make a right on Dr. Girling Drive and drive to the river's edge.

From the North: Take the NYS Thruway (Route 87) South to Exit 14A. Follow Route 59 East to Route 304 North. Take Route 304 to the end. Bear left on Route 9W North. After the next light, proceed about ¼ mile. Make a right on Short Cove Road (go over the tracks) and continue as above.

Current GDC communities include Riverbend in Peekskill, N.Y., The Fairways at Wallkill (N.Y.), Harbors at Haverstraw (N.Y.), Hudson Pointe in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Ichabod's Landing in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., Marbury Corners in Pelham, N.Y., Liberty at Newtown (Conn.) and The Greens at Gillette Ridge in Bloomfield, Conn. To place your name on GDC's priority list for future communities, log on to www.gdc-homes.com, click on to "future communities" and then "name of development" or call 1-866-GDC-4-HOMES.

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