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HUDSON RIVER SCULPTURE TRAIL TO DISPLAY
'LAUGHING NUDE' BY ROCKLAND COUNTY'S EDWARD WALSH

Ginsburg Development selects first local artist to feature in rotating exhibit

VALHALLA, N.Y. (July 18) – The Hudson River Sculpture Trail has selected “Laughing Nude,” a stainless steel artwork by Edward Walsh of Valley Cottage, N.Y., to be the first in a planned series of rotating exhibits by local artists. The sculpture won a competition among area artists announced last fall by Ginsburg Development Companies, the sculpture trail’s sponsor.

“Laughing Nude” depicts a whimsical, androgynous figure standing with its head leaning back as if roaring in laughter. Standing six feet tall, “Laughing Nude” will join the collection of nine monumental sculptures along a waterfront Sculpture Trail at The Harbors at Haverstraw, a new community under construction along the Hudson River in Haverstraw, N.Y. The Sculpture Trail is set along a 1.5-mile public promenade and will include a mix of permanent and temporary installations. It is intended to be the first in a series of public waterfront sculpture trails along the Hudson River.

“‘Laughing Nude’ is a playful, amusing sculpture that will fit in wonderfully with the waterfront promenade in Haverstraw,” said Martin Ginsburg, founder and principal of Ginsburg Development. “It’s approachable and has a human scale. I can already see people posing for lighthearted pictures with their arms around its shoulders. We look forward to displaying other sculptures by local artists in the future.”

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This is exactly the type of response Walsh desires.

“This sculpture will generate a smile on many a viewer’s face,” said Walsh, a sculptor for 40 years who studied marble carving in Italy after apprenticing for nine years. “It is perhaps one of the most intriguing works I have ever made and carries both humor and pensiveness entwined into an image which continuously mirrors itself when viewed from the reverse side. It is my Yin and Yang with an American twist to it.”

Walsh added, “I love using rich, durable materials to create works with inherent beauty and great longevity. Stainless steel is by far the most difficult of these materials, especially when one brings the finish up to a mirror polish – a time-consuming, labor-intensive process, but one that gives a beautiful result.”

“Laughing Nude” will be on display for three years while on loan by Walsh, who received a \$5,000 stipend for the loan and winning the competition.

The Hudson River Sculpture Trail is an ambitious project to create an “open air museum” along the Hudson River. Ginsburg said his goal is to bring 100 significant outdoor sculptures to the banks of the river from Manhattan to Saratoga by September 2009, when the Hudson Valley celebrates the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson’s journey up the Hudson River. Ginsburg, who has invested more than \$200,000 to date sponsoring the sculpture trail, said he hopes other developers and government officials also will seek ways to add artworks to promenades along the river.

“The Hudson River’s waterfront is being rediscovered and many towns and builders are creating public promenades that would be perfect for displaying beautiful sculptures,” said Ginsburg. “The sculptures are a wonderful addition that residents enjoy and which ultimately could help attract tourists sightseeing or cruising along the river.”

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Ginsburg plans to expand to the trail to other riverfront communities he is building such as Ichabod's Landing in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.; Harbor Square in Ossining, N.Y. and River Club in Yonkers, N.Y.

The Sculpture Trail at Haverstraw is a permanent, public display open 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.

The Harbors' sales center is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be reached by calling (845) 786-5600.

Current GDC communities include AVANT Chelsea (New York City); Riverwatch at Greystone (N.Y.); Riverbend (Peekskill, N.Y.); Harbors at Haverstraw (N.Y.); Hudson Pointe (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.); Marbury Corners (Pelham, N.Y.); The Fairways at Wallkill (N.Y.); Ridgewood at Middlebury (Conn.); The Greens at Gillette Ridge (Bloomfield, Conn.) and Quaker Green (West Hartford, 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-4466.

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