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## SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK

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### EAF08: 2008 EMERGING ARTIST FELLOWSHIP EXHIBITION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008 - MARCH 8, 2009

OPENING: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008 / 2-6PM

Martin Basher  
Chelsea Beck  
Kim Beck & Osman Khan  
Michael Berens  
Sari Carel  
Adriana Farmiga  
Kimberley Hart

Rajkamal Kahlon  
Jason Bailer Losh  
Matthew Lusk  
Jong Il Ma  
Ted McCann  
Juniper Perlis  
Harriet Salmon

Long Island City, NY (June 2008) – Socrates Sculpture Park is pleased to announce the opening of *EAF08: 2008 Emerging Artist Fellowship Exhibition* on Sunday, September 7, 2008 (2-6pm), featuring new works by the Park's current resident artists. This year, Socrates awarded fourteen fellowships to: **Martin Basher, Chelsea Beck, Kim Beck & Osman Khan, Michael Berens, Sari Carel, Adriana Farmiga, Kimberley Hart, Rajkamal Kahlon, Jason Bailer Losh, Matthew Lusk, Jong Il Ma, Ted McCann, Juniper Perlis, and Harriet Salmon.**

Fellowship artists and are awarded a \$5,000 grant and a residency in the Park's outdoor studio and are also provided with technical support and access to tools, materials and equipment to facilitate the production of new sculptures and installations for exhibition in the Park. The fellows develop their projects throughout the summer in the open studio and on site in the landscape, offering visitors the opportunity to experience both the creation and presentation of their works. Representing a broad range of materials, working methods and subject matter, the diverse sculptural works in this exhibition are presented against the Park's spectacular waterfront view of the Manhattan skyline.

Emerging Artist Fellows are selected annually through an open application process and reviewed by a committee composed of the Park's Executive Director; past EAF recipients; established artists who have shown a commitment to mentoring and advocating for younger artists; as well a writers, gallerists, and curators who have special knowledge of contemporary art. The 2008 Advisory Committee members were: **Alyson Baker**, Executive Director, Socrates Sculpture Park; **Hank Willis Thomas**, 2006 Socrates Sculpture Park Emerging Artist Fellowship recipient; **Kara Vander Weg**, author and Director, James Cohan Gallery; **Michael Lieberman**, Harris Lieberman Gallery; **Roxy Paine**, artist; and **Sylvia Chivatanond**, Curator, Art Salon, Art Basel Miami Beach 2008.

Socrates is undergoing a phased expansion of the EAF program and is incrementally awarding two additional fellowships per year to reach twenty fellowships as an annual number upon the Park's twenty-fifth anniversary in 2011. Socrates has awarded fourteen fellowships in 2008, and will award sixteen fellowships in 2009, and eighteen in 2010. The official application to participate in Socrates Sculpture Park's 2009 exhibitions, including *EAF09*, will be available on the Park's website in September 2008 at [www.socratessculpturepark.org](http://www.socratessculpturepark.org).

For more information about the artists and works in the exhibition, including biographies, images and project descriptions, please contact Ellen Staller at 718-956-1819 x12 or [es@socratessculpturepark.org](mailto:es@socratessculpturepark.org).

Socrates Sculpture Park is open 365 days a year from 10am to sunset and is located at the intersection of Broadway and Vernon Boulevard in Long Island City. By Subway take the N or W train to Broadway (Queens), walk 8 blocks west on Broadway to the intersection of Vernon Boulevard. For driving directions, visit our web site at [www.socratessculpturepark.org](http://www.socratessculpturepark.org).

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