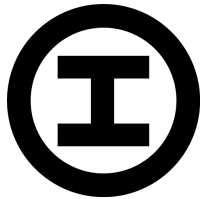


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KITE FLIGHT: DIY & FLY SEVENTH ANNUAL KITE MAKING WORKSHOP SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010 / 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (RAIN OR SHINE)



Long Island City, NY (March 26, 2010) – Socrates Sculpture Park and The Noguchi Museum are pleased to present our seventh annual kite making and flying event. This free hands-on workshop will take place at Socrates Sculpture Park and welcomes children of all ages to build and decorate a kite out of recycled materials, and then fly it in the park. Advance registration is not required, but space is limited, so come early! The workshop is free and all materials and supplies will be provided.

The Noguchi Museum is dedicated to the work of one of the twentieth century's most important artists and designers. Founded in 1985 by Isamu Noguchi (1904-1988) in a former photo-engraving plant, the Museum helped pioneer the transformation of Long Island City into an arts destination. The Museum displays a comprehensive collection of Noguchi's artwork in galleries that surround an open-air sculpture garden. From 11am -6 pm, Kite Flight attendees can cross the street to view *Noguchi ReINstalled*, a complete re-installation of the Museum's Permanent Collection, commemorating the recent re-opening of The Isamu Noguchi Foundation and Garden Museum in its completely renovated state.

Socrates Sculpture Park was an abandoned riverside 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. Today, it is an internationally renowned outdoor museum and artist residency program that also serves as a vital New York City park offering a wide variety of free public programs. The Park's existence is based on the

belief that reclamation, revitalization and creative expression are essential to the survival, humanity and improvement of our urban environment.

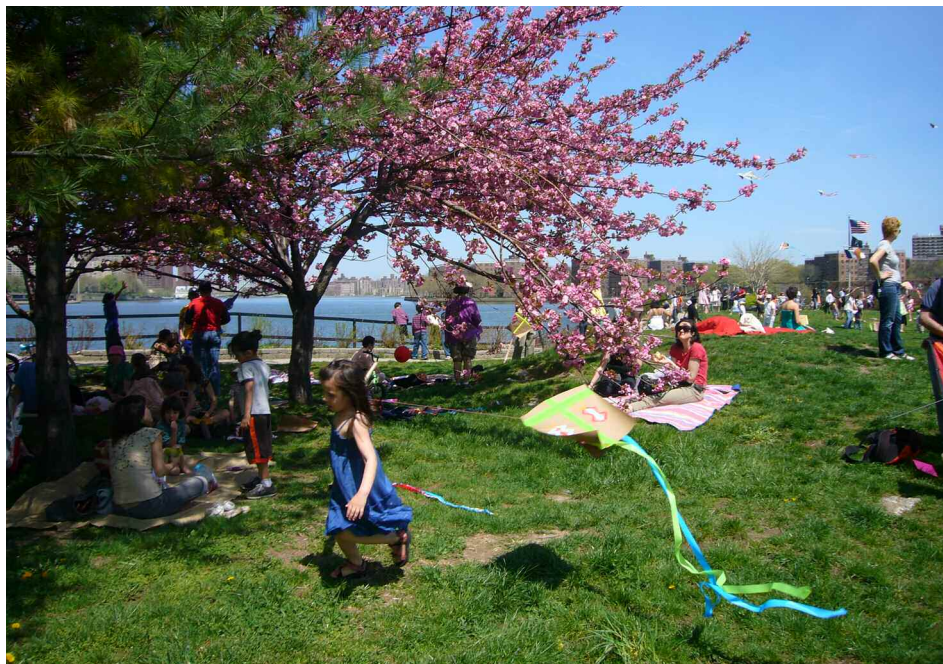
Kite Flight participants will get an early glimpse of Socrates Sculpture Park's spring exhibition, ***Cityscape: Surveying the Urban Biotope***, which opens on Sunday, May 2, 2010. This exhibition will feature eleven artists who are exploring both the cultivated and invasive presence of nature in our built urban environment. Artists include: Saul Becker, George Booruji, William Cordova, David Kennedy Cutler, Lillian Gerson, Janelle Iglesias, Katherine McLeod, Ester Partegás, Zena Verda Pesta, Christine Howard Sandoval, and Mark Lawrence Stafford.

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. For directions to the Park please visit our website: www.socratessculpturepark.org.

For additional information about *Kite Flight* please contact Ellen Staller at Socrates Sculpture Park, 718.956.1819 ext. 12, or Rebecca Herz at The Noguchi Museum, 718.204.7088 ext. 205, or e-mail info@socratessculpturepark.org.

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