

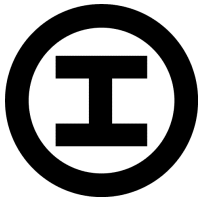
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KITE FLIGHT
EIGHTH ANNUAL KITE MAKING WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(RAIN OR SHINE)
FREE!



Long Island City, NY (April 30, 2011) – Socrates Sculpture Park and The Noguchi Museum are pleased to present the eighth annual Kite Flight, a special workshop for children to build and decorate kites out of recycled materials, and then fly them in the Park. This FREE hands-on workshop will take place at Socrates Sculpture Park and all supplies will be provided. Advance registration is not required, but space is limited, so come early.

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. From 11am-6pm, Kite Flight attendees can cross the street to view the Museum's comprehensive collection of Noguchi's art-work in galleries that surround an open-air sculpture garden.

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, **Vista**, opening Sunday, May 8, 2011. This exhibition will feature artists creating work that deals with visual alignment and the ways in which methods of viewing determine the assessment or evaluation of an object or situation.

DIRECTIONS

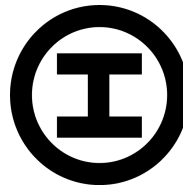
Socrates Sculpture Park is open 365 days a year from 10am to sunset and is located at the intersection of Broadway and Vernon Boulevard in Long Island City. For directions to the Park please visit our website: www.socratessculpturepark.org.

THANKS

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