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“Celebrating the Lucelia Artist Award, 2001–2006” Fact Sheet

Exhibition

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On view through June 22

Location

Smithsonian American Art Museum

Eighth and F streets N.W.

Description

Since 2001, some of the most innovative artists working in the United States today have received the Smithsonian American Art Museum’s Lucelia Artist Award. This exhibition features work by each previous winner—Matthew Coolidge, director of the Center for Land Use Interpretation (2006); Andrea Zittel (2005); Kara Walker (2004); Rirkrit Tiravanija (2003); Liz Larner (2002); and Jorge Pardo (2001). Sidra Stich, former executive director of the Lucelia Artist Award and director of “art-SITES,” a series of contemporary art, architecture and design handbooks, is the guest curator of the exhibition.

This important new initiative at the Smithsonian American Art Museum annually recognizes an American artist younger than 50 who has consistently demonstrated exceptional creativity. An independent panel of five jurors—artists, critics, curators and scholars—nominate artists whose work they consider emblematic of this period in contemporary art. The \$25,000 award is intended to encourage the artist’s future development and experimentation.

The 2007 winner of the Lucelia Artist Award, Jessica Stockholder, was announced in conjunction with the opening of this exhibition; her work is not included in the current installation.

Public Programs

Stich will discuss the exhibition Saturday, Feb. 2 at 3 p.m. Program details are available on the museum’s Web site.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum, located above the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metrorail station, is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., except Dec. 25. Admission is free. Recorded museum information: (202) 633-7970. Smithsonian Information: (202) 633-1000; (202) 633-5285 (TTY). Web site: americanart.si.edu.

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