

ARTHUR SIMMS
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- Born:** December 15, 1961
District of Cross Roads
Saint Andrew, Jamaica
- Education:** Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY
M.F.A. 1993, B. A. 1987
Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME 1985
- Awards:** Irving Sandler Prize, Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program, 2022
New Roots Foundation Residency, Antigua, Guatemala, 2019
Campo Garzon Artist in Residence, Garzon, Uruguay, 2018
S. J. Weiler Fund Award, 2014
Holter Museum, Artist in Residence, 2014
Joan Mitchell Center in New Orleans, Artist in Residence, 2013
Irish Museum of Modern Art Residency, Dublin, Ireland, 2008
The Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Award, 2007
New York City Arts in the Parks Commission, 2007
American Academy of Arts and Letters, Academy Award in Art, 2006
Creative Capital Foundation Follow-up Support, 2004-05
New York Foundation For The Arts Fellowship In Sculpture, 2003
Harold M. English/Metropolitan Museum of Art-Jacob H. Lazarus Rome Prize Fellowship in Visual Arts, American Academy In Rome, 2002-2003
Creative Capital Foundation Follow-up Support, 2002
Salute to Scholars, The City University Of New York, 2002
Creative Capital Foundation Grant, 2001
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 1999-2000
The Rockefeller Foundation Residency Fellowship Bellagio, Italy, 2000
The Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant, 1997
Franconia Sculpture Park Individual Artist Grant, 1997
The Wheeler Foundation Fellowship, 1995
Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation Space Grant, 1994-95
Queens Council on the Arts Grant, 1994
Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant, 1993
Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Scholarship Grant, 1985
Ellen Battell Stoekel Fellowship, Yale Summer School of Music and Art, 1985(declined)
Shaw Memorial Award for Painting, Brooklyn College, 1985, 1984
- Solo &
Two Person
Exhibitions:** Night Fever, One Halo., **Martos After Dark**, New York City, July 28 – September 30, 2022
And I Say, Brother Had A Very Good Day, One Halo, **Martos Gallery**, New York City, November 5th, 2021 – January 15th, 2022
Throughline, **Shoot The Lobster NY Gallery**, NYC, November 8 – December 15, 2019
The Big Picture, One Halo, Sculptures and Drawings by Arthur Simms, **Slag Gallery**, Brooklyn, NY, November 16th 2018 – January 27th, 2019
Different Roads: Same Destination, Assemblage Sculptures of Randy Wray and Arthur Simms, **Dorsky Gallery**, May 8th – July 10th 2016
Lucy Fradkin and Arthur Simms: Intimate Worlds, **Holter Museum of Art**, Helena, Montana, January 17th – May 18th, 2014

Dreamcatchers: Sculptures by Hyong Nam Ahn and Arthur Simms, **Amelie A. Wallace Gallery at SUNY College at Old Westbury**, Old Westbury, NY September 8–October 19, 2011

Arthur Simms, Two Thousand and Ten, **Peg Alston Fine Arts**, October-November, 2010

Arthur Simms, **Clark Gallery**, Lincoln, MA, November 3 - 28, 2009

Process Room, **Irish Museum of Modern Art**, Dublin, Ireland, July, 2008

Art in the Parks, Celebrating 40 Years 1967-2007, **Prospect Park**, Brooklyn, NY, October- March, 2007-2008

Arthur Simms Sculpture and Drawings, **Lesley Heller Gallery**, New York, NY, February-March, 2007

Arthur Simms, Sculptures and Drawings, **Westchester Community College Art Gallery**, SUNY, Valhalla, NY, March-April, 2006

Arthur Simms, Sculptures and Drawings 1989-2005, **Five Myles**, Brooklyn, NY, May-June, 2005

Roman Holiday: New Work From A Year Spent In Rome, Lucy Fradkin and Arthur Simms, **Kenise Barnes Fine Arts**, Larchmont, New York, January-February, 2004

Lucy Fradkin e Arthur Simms, Lavori Italiani, **Italia Inghilterra**, Cagliari, Italy, May, 2003

Arthur Simms and Jonathan Hynd, **Temple University Gallery in Rome**, Rome, Italy, February-March, 2003

Drawings, Arthur Simms, **Peg Alston Fine Arts**, New York, NY, May-June, 2001

Arthur Simms And Garry Nichols, **Sideshow Gallery**, Williamsburg, NY October-November 2000

Arthur Simms, Assemblage Of The Spirit, **York College Art Gallery**, Jamaica, NY, February-March, 2000

Sculptures, **Philippe Briet Gallery**, New York, NY, February-March, 1992

Biennials: **Kingston Biennial**, Kingston, Jamaica, June 2022 – December 2022

To Venice with Love: Wall of Offering, Curated by Francesca Pietropaolo & Phong Bui, **58th Venice Biennial**, Chiesa di Santa Maria delle Penitenti, Venice, Italy, May 8th - November 24th, 2019

Biennale di Arte Contemporanea di Porto Ercole, Forte Stella, Porto Ercole, Italy, August, 2003

International Exposition Of Art, **49th Venice Biennial, Jamaica Pavilion**, Venice, Italy, June-November, 2001

Group

Exhibitions: Mettere Al Mondo, **Thomas Dane Gallery**, Napoli, Italy, October 4 – December 22, 2022

Nature Doesn't Know About Us, **Sculpture Milwaukee 2022**, Milwaukee, WI, August 2022 – October 2023

Singing in Unision, Part 4, **Ricco Maresca**, NYC, June 23rd – September 10th, 2022

Singing in Unision, Part 2, **Scully Tomasko Foundation**, May 28th – September 1st, 2022

Singing in Unision, Part 3, **Below Grand**, NYC, May 29th – July 2nd, 2022

Caribbean Transitions, **American University, Katzen Arts Center**, Washington DC. June 11th – August 22nd, 2022

2022 Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts, **American Academy of Arts and Letters**, March 8th-April 10th, 2022

Looking Back / The 12th White Columns Annual – Selected by Mary Manning, **White Columns**, January 22nd-March 5th, 2022

SeenUNseen, **LA Louver**, Venice Beach, CA, November 11th – January 9th 2022

Lost & Found, **Martos Gallery**, NYC, February 5th – March 27th 2021

STILL UTOPIA: ISLANDS, **Gallery MC**, NYC, April 30th – May 16th 2020
Sonic Gates New York City's Sculpture Walk, **Staten Island, St. George to Stapleton**,
Staten Island, NY, July 2018 – June 2019
To Break the Ocean, **AC Institute**, NYC, April 11th – May 9th 2018
It's Happening! Celebrating 50 Years of Public Art in NYC Parks, **East Pinetum**,
Central Park, NYC, October, 2017
Excavations, **Field Projects Gallery**, NYC, March 17th-April 30th, 2016
ARS Continuum: Amelie A. Wallace Gallery 1978 to the Present, **Amelie A. Wallace
Gallery**, SUNY College at Old Westbury, September 16th-October 15th, 2015
Rock Hound Swap Meet, **Junior Projects**, NYC, July 9th-August 13th, 2015
Working in NYC 27 Artists, 705 Driggs Avenue, **Central Connecticut State University
Art Gallery**, New Britain, CT, January 22- February 19th 2015
The Rule of the Law and the Right to be Human, **Athens School Of Art
Gallery**, Athens, Greece, April 30th - June 13th, 2014
Recontextualizing the Found, **The Anya and Andrew Shiva Gallery, John Jay College
of Criminal Justice**, January 27, 2014th – March 25th, 2014
Come Together: Surviving Sandy, Year 1, **Industry City**, Brooklyn, NY, October 20th –
December 15th, 2013
Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts, **American Academy of Arts and Letters**, New
York City, March 5 – April 14th, 2013
Lois Dodd: My Students, **The Firehouse Center**, 5 Bristol Road, Damariscotta, Maine,
August – September, 2012
Nozomi Rose with 8 Artists from New York, **Swan Hill Museum of Contemporary
Art**, Hyogo, Japan, June 25-October 31, 2012
Global Caribbean, Focus sur la Création Contemporaine Caraïbienne, **Fondation
Clément**, Habitation Le François - Martinique, du 11 Mai au 15 Juillet 2012
Toy Story, **Rockland Center For The Arts**, West Nyack, NY October 16-December 4,
2011
Toward a Philosophy of the Everyday, **Castle Gallery, College of New Rochelle**,
New Rochelle, NY September 6, 2011-November 6, 2011
Drawing From the Collection, **LC Bates Museum**, Hinckley, ME, June- October 2011
Rock / Paper / Scissors, **Clark Gallery**, Lincoln, MA, March-April 2011
The Global Caribbean, Focus on the Caribbean Contemporary Landscape, **Museo de
Arte Contemporaneo**, San Juan, Puerto Rico, February-May 2011
Global Caraïbes MIAM, Sète, **Musée International des Arts Modestes**, Sète,
France, June – October 2010
Global Caribbean, **The Haitian Cultural Arts Alliance Art Center**, Miami, FL,
December 2009-February 2010
Party At Chris's House **Janet Kurnatowski Gallery** Brooklyn, NY, November -
December, 2009
Playing Around, **Brattleboro Museum & Art Center**, Brattleboro, VT, April-July, 2009
Person in the Crowd: The Contemporary Art of Flanerie, **Neuberger Museum of Art**,
Purchase, NY, January-April, 2008
Infinite Island: Contemporary Caribbean Art, **Brooklyn Museum**, Brooklyn, NY,
August-January, 2007-2008
Newly Elected Members and Recipients of Honors and Awards, **American Academy of
Arts and Letters**, New York City, May-June, 2006
Invitational Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture, **American Academy of Arts and
Letters**, New York City, March-April, 2006
Alumni Exhibition: Celebrating the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Brooklyn College,
Brooklyn College Art Gallery at the Brooklyn War Memorial, November-December,
2005
Flavor Intensive: 5 Sculptors, **Triangle Arts Association**, Brooklyn, New York,
October, 2005

Fuoriluogo 8 – Afritalia, **Galleria Limiti Inchiusi**, Campobasso, Italy,
August-September, 2003
Site/Insight: An Assemblage of Artists (curated by Agnes Gund), **P.S.1 MOMA**, Long
Island City, New York, June-September, 2003
Open Studio Exhibition, **American Academy in Rome**, Rome, Italy, June, 2003
Queens International, **Queens Museum of Art**, Queens, NY August-December,
2002
On The Tracks: Works By NYC Sculptors, **Aurora Gallery**, New York, NY June-
July, 2002
Jamaican Art, In The Fullness Of Time, **Clark University Gallery Of Art**, Atlanta, GA,
June-July, 2002
Body Language, **Islip Art Museum**, East Islip, NY April-June, 2002
Artist to Artist, A Decade of the Space Program, Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation
Ace Gallery, New York, NY, May-June, 2002
Jamaican Art, In The Fullness Of Time, **Sidney Mishkin Gallery**, Baruch College,
CUNY, New York, NY January-March, 2002
Group Show, **Skoto Gallery**, New York, NY, January-February, 2002
Merry, **Sideshow Gallery**, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, December-January, 2001-02
Jamaican Art, In The Fullness Of Time, **Howard University Gallery**, Washington, DC
November-December 2001
Jamaican Art, In The Fullness Of Time, **Handwerker Gallery**, Ithaca College, Ithaca,
NY August-October, 2001
Drawing on Language, **Spaces**, Cleveland, OH May-June 2001
Jamaican Art; In The Fullness Of Time, **The Karl Drerup Gallery**, Plymouth State
College, Plymouth, NH February-April, 2001
OPEN 2000, **3rd International Exhibition Of Sculptures And Installations**,
Venice, Italy September-October 2000
Recess, **Kenise Barnes Fine Art**, Larchmont, NY May 2000
Group Show, **Rush Arts**, New York, NY, September 1999
Local Color, **Henry Street Settlement**, New York, NY, October-November, 1998
Pay Per It, **Sideshow Gallery**, Williamsburg, NY, September-October, 1998
Making It, **The Work Space**, New York, NY, December-February, 1997-98
Franconia Sculpture Park, Shafer, Minnesota, September, 1997-98
New York Drawers, **Gasworks**, London, England, August 1997
New York Drawers, **Corner House**, Manchester, England, August 1997
Current Undercurrent: Working in Brooklyn, **Brooklyn Museum of Art**,
Brooklyn, NY, July - January, 1997-98
First Annual, **Two Sculptors, Inc.**, New York, NY, June, 1997
Gramercy Art Fair, **Pierogi 2000**, New York, NY, May, 1997
The January Show, **Silverstein Gallery**, New York, NY, January, 1996
New York Soho Biennial, **473 Broadway**, New York, NY, September, 1995
Frecks, **The Unnatural History Museum**, New York, NY, July, 1995
Open Studios, **The Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation**, New York, NY,
March, 1995
The Box Show, **K & E Gallery**, New York, NY, December, 1994
Raw Materials, **The Police Building**, New York, NY, September-October, 1994
Other Visions: Composite, **Neuberger Museum of Art**, State University of
New York at Purchase, July-September, 1994
Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY, 1994-95
Le Temps D'un Dessin, **Galerie de L'Ecole des Beaux-Arts**, Lorient, France,
May, 1994
Westbeth Gallery, New York, NY, January, 1993
Expodiscus Part 3, **Metropolis Club**, New York, NY, September, 1992
Workspace '92, **Jamaica Arts Center**, Jamaica, NY, May-July, 1992

Philippe Briet Gallery, New York NY, June, 1992
Domenikos Theotokopoulos: A Dialogue, **Philippe Briet Gallery**, New York, NY, December-January, 1991-92
Artworks/Artworkers, **A/C Project Room**, New York, NY, December-January 1991-92
OIA Salon '91 **OIA Gallery**, New York, NY, November, 1991
Artwork/Artworkers, **Brand X Gallery**, New York, NY, December-January, 1989-90

Selected

Publications: The Curator Archiving Gun Violence Through Art, Hyperallergic, Jasmine Liu, July 11, 2022, <https://hyperallergic.com/746194/the-curator-archiving-gun-violence-through-art/>
American University Museum spotlights Caribbean American Art, The Washington Post, Mark Jenkins, June 28th 2022
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/arts-entertainment/2022/06/28/american-university-museum-caribbean-transitions/>
Caribbean Transitions, American University Museum College of Arts and Sciences, June 2022
Arthur Simms, Martos Gallery, New York, Zack Hatfield, Artforum, February, 2022
<https://www.artforum.com/print/reviews/202202/arthur-simms-87652>
Your Concise New York Art Guide For December, 2021, Hyperallergic, Cassis Packard, <https://hyperallergic.com/694209/your-concise-new-york-art-guide-for-december-2021/>
Arthur Simms, And I Say, Brother Had A Very Good Day, One Halo, TheGuide.Art, Rachel Small, November, 2021, <https://theguide.art/event/arthur-simms-and-i-say-brother-had-a-very-good-day-one-halo-martos-gallery/>
What to See in NYC Galleries Right Now, Arthur Simms, New York Times, Martha Schwendener, December 2021
Lost & Found, Artforum, Zoe Lescaze, May 2021
Lost & Found, Brooklyn Rail, Hovey Brock, April 2021
Lost & Found at Martos Gallery, ART OBSERVED, D. Creahan, March 3rd, 2021
Lost & Found, ProQuest, Saim Demircan, March 2021
A – Z of Caribbean Art, Robert and Christopher Publishers, November, 2019
“Arthur Simms: The Big Picture, One Halo, Sculptures And Drawings” The Brooklyn Rail, Hovey Brock, December/January, 2018-2019
“Citizen Simms: Unpacking Arthur Simms’ Studio”
<http://www.romanovgrave.com/studio-visits/arthur-simms> Romanov Grave, 2018
“Visual Arts Lecture Series 2017” Sarah Lawrence College, 2017
“Come Together Surviving Sandy, Year 1, SKIRA, DEDALUS FOUNDATION, 2014
“Cultural Crossroads Artists Invite Kids to Create Art From Anything” Marga Lincoln, Independent Record, April 19th, 2014
“LaGCC Celebrates Black History Month Through Art” Trisha Sakhuja, Queens Tribune, February 20, 2014
“Art, a Balm After the Storm” Roberta Smith, The New York Times, Saturday, December 7th, 2013
“3X, 40” small axe, a Caribbean journal of criticism, Summer 2013

“Arthur Simms,” Community College Week, April 1, 2013

“He Puts His Art Into It,” Clem Richardson, New York Daily News, March 22, 2013

“LAGCC Art Professor’s Work in Prestigious Exhibition,” Western Queens Gazette, March 20, 2013

“Old Westbury, New York, Arthur Simms and Hyong Nam Ahn” Jonathan Goodman, Sculpture, July/August, 2012

“Contemporary Art: World Currents” Terry Smith, Prentice Hall, 2011

“Garvey or Garveyism,” Transition Magazine 105 Indiana University Press, 2011

“Toward a Philosophy of the Everyday,” Susan Canning, Castle Gallery The College of New Rochelle, 2011

“Dreamcatchers: Sculptures by Hyong Nam Ahn and Arthur Simms,” Hyewon Yi, Amelie A. Wallace Gallery, SUNY College at Old Westbury, 2011

“Arthur Simms, Clark Gallery,” Marty Carlock, Sculpture, September 2010

“Transnational Yearnings Tourism, Migration, and the Diasporic City,” Jenny Burman, Book Art - Cover, UBC Press, 2010

“Sète dévoile la création de jeunes artistes des Caraïbes,” Philippe Dagen, Le Monde, August 20, 2010

“New Caribbean Art Showcased During Art Basel Fair,” Jennifer Kay, Associated Press, December 6, 2009

“Global Caribbean,” Little Haiti Cultural Center, Miami, FL., Musée International des Arts Modestes, Sète, France, 2009

“In Conversation, Arthur Simms With Phong Bui,” The Brooklyn Rail Newspaper, July-August, 2009

“The Listings”, The New York Times, Friday, September 14, 2007

“Caribbean Visions of Tropical Paradise and Protest” Holland Cotter, The New York Times, August 31, 2007

“Infinite Island Contemporary Caribbean Art” Brooklyn Museum in Association With Philip Wilson Publishers, 2007

“Arthur Simms: Sculpture and Drawings” D. Dominick Lombardi, NY ARTS, July/August 2006, Vol. 11, No. 7/8

“Arthur Simms at Five Myles” Sarah Lewis, Art in America, February, 2006

“Flavor Intensive: Five Sculptors” John Goodrich, The New York Sun, October, 2005

“Arthur Simms Five Myles” Roger Kamholz, The Brooklyn Rail, July-August, 2005

“Arthur Simms Sculptures And Drawings 1989-2005” Ken Johnson, The New York Times, June 24, 2005

“Arthur Simms:Part to Whole” Robert Storr, 2005

“Images That Capture Romance of Europe”, D. Dominick Lombardi, The New York Times, February 15, 2004

“Society Of Fellows News,” American Academy In Rome, Fall 2003

“Fuoriluogo 8 Afritalia,” Edizioni Limiti Inchiusi, 2003

“Biennale Di Arte Contemporanea Di Porto Ercole 2003,” BIP-ART.NET EDIZIONI

“Site and Insight: An Assemblage of Artists,” Eugene Tsai, TimeOut New York, July 31-August 7, 2003

“Gathering a Flock of Quirky Grown-Ups,” Ken Johnson, The New York Times, Friday, July 18, 2003

“index 2003, Fellows And Residents At THE AMERICAN ACADEMY IN ROME,”

CHARTA, 2003

"Italian Works-Lucy Fradkin e Arthur Simms," Sandro Giordano, Exibart, Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Africa e Mediterraneo, Cultura Societa, April, 2003

"Queens International, Arthur Simms," Safiyah Green, Queens Museum of Art, August 11- December 1, 2002

"Artist to Artist, A decade of The Space Program, The Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation, 2002

"Artist to Artist, A decade of the space program," Roberta Smith, The New York Times, Friday, May 24, 2002

"Works Use the Human Body as Springboard," Helen A. Harrison, The New York Times, Sunday, May 12, 2002

"Jamaican sculptor wins Rome Prize for art," The Weekly Gleaner April 25-May 1, 2002

"In The Fullness Of Time: Jamaican Culture And The Well-Founded Memory," Holland Cotter, The New York Times, Friday, March 1, 2002

"La Biennale di Venezia," 49. Esposizione Internazionale D'Arte, June-November, 2001

"Jamaica In Venice," Jamaica Pavilion, June- November, 2001

"Drawing on Language," Spaces, May 4-June 15, 2001

"Venice Biennial Goes Public," Art In America, May, 2001

"Assemblage Exhibition Reflects Artist's Culture," Pandora's Box, February-March 2000

"Socrates Sculpture Park 12 June 94-30 April 95," Socrates Sculpture Park, 1995

"Raw Materials", Organization of Independent Artists, September, 1994

"Contemporary Visions At The Neuberger", Artsnews, Vol.5 No.7, September, 1994

"Piecing Together A Multicultural Heritage", The New York Times, Sunday, August 7, 1994

"Other Visions: Composite", Neuberger Museum of Art, July, 1994

"Making It", Review, February 1, 1998

Selected

Media:

The Brooklyn Rail's New Social Environment Series, Arthur Simms and Phong Bui in conversation on Simms' exhibition *And I Say, Brother Had A Very Good Day, Monday*, December 20th, 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdhqH97kEBs>

Interview, Public Access TV, Skowhegan, ME, August, 2010

"In the Morning," Live Radio Interview, WLIU, Southampton, NY, July 21, 2009

"American Academy in Rome 2002-2003" (Video) Dantia McDonald, 2004

Video: "Jun Sakamoto Meets NY Artists," Saga TV, November, 1996

Video: "Assemblage" Breglia & Boysson, The Neuberger Museum of Art, 1994

Professional

Experience:

Professor of Arts, Arts Program Director, Humanities Department, **CUNY, LaGuardia Community College**, Long Island City, NY, 2007-Present

MacDowell Board of Directors, 2016 – present

Skowhegan Board of Governors, 2018 - present

Remote Workshop Instructor, Lecture **Anderson Ranch**, January 2021

Visiting Artist, Lecture **Anderson Ranch**, Aspen, CO, July, 2018
Visiting Artist, Lecture, **Sarah Lawrence College**, Bronxville, NY, April 4th 2017
Workshop Instructor, Lecture **Anderson Ranch**, Aspen, CO, July, 2014
Visiting Artist, **Holter Museum**, Helena Montana, April 11th – April 25th, 2014
Visiting Artist, **Yale University**, New Haven CT, October, 2011
Workshop Instructor, Lecture **Anderson Ranch**, Aspen, CO, July, 2011
Resident Faculty, **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, Skowhegan, Maine, Summer, 2010
Juror, Individual Artist Fellowship Grant, **Maine Arts Commission**, Skowhegan, Maine, August, 2010
Lecture, **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, June 23, 2010
Guest Lecturer, **East End Arts Council**, Riverhead, NY, July, 2009
Panel Discussion, "Through our eyes, Wuppertal/New York, **Bonnie J. Sacerdote Lecture Hall, Metropolitan Museum of Art**, February, 2008
Adjunct Professor of Art, **Brooklyn College, CUNY**, Brooklyn, NY, 2001- 2007
Instructor, **Bard High School Early College**, New York, NY, 2006-07
Adjunct Professor of Art, **The Cooper Union School of Art**, New York, NY, 2004 - 2006
Workshop Instructor, Lecture **Anderson Ranch**, Aspen, CO, 2006
Guest Lecturer, **Eugene Lang New School**, New York, NY, 2005
Guest Lecturer, **Hunter College MFA Program, CUNY**, New York, NY, 2004
Special Programs, **Studio In A School**, New York, NY, 2003-04
Guest Lecturer, **Rhode Island School of Design Rome Program**, Rome, Italy, 2003
Guest Lecturer, **Temple University Rome Program**, Rome, Italy, 2002
Long Term Program, **PS 191, Studio In A School**, Brooklyn, NY, 2001-02
Artist/Educator, **Young Audiences/NY**, New York, NY, 1994, 1997, 2002
Artist-in-Residence, **Socrates Sculpture Park**, Long Island City, NY, 1994