

## Seattle Art Museum Creates Host of Public Programs to Commemorate Olympic Sculpture Park Opening

SEATTLE, Jan. 10, 2006—The Olympic Sculpture Park, which opens to the public on Jan. 20, 2007, offers a unique opportunity to connect nature and the environment to the world of art. SAM's diverse and lively programs—some ongoing, others tied to the park's opening—strive to enrich connections between art and life for all ages and interests. These public programs are designed to foster an engagement with art and culture for an ever growing public with a broad range of interests and needs.

### **Site, Sculpture, Shoreline: Discovering the Olympic Sculpture Park**

Olympic Sculpture Park

Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon, Sundays, 2-3 p.m.

On weekends, visitors can experience the Olympic Sculpture Park's dynamic spaces and learn about the design and layout of the park, site history, selected sculptures and more! Visitors, dressed in walking shoes, will meet a SAM docent in the PACCAR Pavilion for a guided tour of the galleries and green spaces.

### **A Walk in the Park: Tours With Local Experts**

Olympic Sculpture Park

Select Saturdays

Park visitors may explore the environment and ecology of the Olympic Sculpture Park with local experts. These monthly walks will be led by organizations that specialize on the environment, ecology and ecosystems of the Puget Sound area. Attendees will meet their guides and group at the PACCAR Pavilion.

- **Audubon Washington**

Saturday, Feb. 10, 1-2 p.m.

Experienced naturalist Stewart Wechsler from the Seward Park Environmental & Audubon Center will talk about birds that share our great city, and explore their natural habitats.

- **University of Washington**

Theodor Jacobsen Observatory

Saturday, March 10, 1-2 p.m.

Dr. Ana Larson and students from the University of Washington Astronomy Department will help attendees explore the impact of our solar system on the Olympic Sculpture Park and the Seattle landscape.

- **Woodland Park Zoo**

Saturday, March 10, 2-3 p.m.

Naturalist Nichole Farrow and Michelle Martin from Woodland Park Zoo's *Wild Wise* program will teach observation skills, then guide visitors in discovering signs of wildlife in the Park.

### **Creatively Speaking Series:**

The *Creatively Speaking* series provides a forum for artists to explain the philosophies underlying their work and for audiences to ask the questions they never have the opportunity to ask. The Seattle Art Museum aims to be unique among cultural institutions by integrating artists in the fabric of the institution.

- **Creatively Speaking: Glenn Rudolph**

*Non-Fiction Photography: The Transformation of a Landscape*

PACCAR Pavilion

Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m.

Glenn Rudolph first photographed the Olympic Sculpture Park site in 1986 and recorded its evolution during construction in 2005-06. Join us for a conversation on Rudolph's work, and see first hand how the Seattle landscape has changed over time.

### **Taking the Pulse: Performance at SAM**

A new performance-based program at SAM, *Taking the Pulse* features a wide range of styles, genres and disciplines. This program reflects the museum's commitment to exploring new trends in music, dance, opera, literary and theatrical performance. Performances are presented at all three SAM sites and are accompanied by discussions among artistic collaborators.

- **Roy McMakin: *Love & Loss***

PACCAR Pavilion

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

Roy McMakin, a local artist and performer, returns to the stage for this special Valentine's Day performance, which draws upon themes from his installation *Love & Loss*, featured in the Olympic Sculpture Park.

### **Pivotal Perspectives: Conversations on Art + Culture**

*Dates to be determined*

*Pivotal Perspectives* is a timely and innovative forum that addressed pressing issues in art and society. Bringing together some of the most compelling thinkers on a given cultural

subject, *Pivotal Perspectives* is at once critical and engaging. Participants include artists and designers, critics, curators, and scholars, among others.

## **Films at the Olympic Sculpture Park**

*Dates and films to be determined*

For years, the Seattle Art Museum has been the site for some of the nation's most innovative film programming. The Olympic Sculpture Park provides a unique opportunity to present both film both indoors and outside. Keep your eyes open and your ears to the ground for more details about his new aspect of public programming at SAM.

## **Family and Youth Activities**

### **Activities During School Hours:**

- **Walking the Z Path: Experiencing Art and Nature**  
Students can use observation skills and all their senses to experience sculptures and native plants in diverse ecosystems throughout the park. Visitors will investigate modern sculpture, ethnobotany and the integration of art and the environment through inquiry based discussions and activities. (Grades K-12)
- **Unpack the Park**  
SAM provides Park Packs that contain everything needed to lead a self-guided tour through the park. This is a great resource for teachers, youth workers and anyone working with young people. Inside are looking questions, hands-on materials and activities that encourage exploration of the park's design, sculptures and plants. Contents relate to art, science and social studies curriculum for kindergarten through-8<sup>th</sup>-grade groups. The Packs are available for check-out at the OSP Admissions Desk.
- **Art + The Park: Teacher's CD-ROM**  
Designed for K-8 teachers and students, the CD-ROM is a great multidisciplinary resource for learning about Northwest ecosystems, local history, native plants and their uses by Coast Salish peoples of our region, urban design and of course, modern and contemporary art. Available Spring 2007, the CD-ROM will be distributed to school groups reserving visits to the park, as well as participants in SAM Educator workshops and events.
- **SAMpassport**  
Youth are invited to follow the footprints of Sammy the Camel on his adventures through the Olympic Sculpture Park., where they'll discover the park's sculpture, plants and animals, as well as games and activities for families on their own park adventures. SAM Passports are available for free at the Olympic Sculpture Park or Seattle Asian Art Museum Admissions Desks. Passports stamped at both locations may be turned in for a prize.

## Youth Programs

- **TAG You're It! Teen Night Out!**

Saturday, Jan. 29, 6-9 p.m.

PACCAR Pavilion

Know any highly opinionated, critically creative, movers and shakers between the ages of 15-18? SAM is starting its first-ever teen advisory group, a.k.a. TAG, and is looking for young people to help shape teen programs. To kick-off all this newness, SAM is opening the Olympic Sculpture Park with a party just for teens, including break dancing, spoken-word, art and grooving to the sounds of one of Seattle's hottest DJs! Youth ages 15-18 can just show up. Student ID required.

## Family Fun!

Families may visit OSP to create works of art, check out sculpture and take home some SAM goodies. The fun begins the third Saturday of every month in the PACCAR Pavilion. Visit SAM's calendar online at [www.seattleartmuseum.org](http://www.seattleartmuseum.org) to find out how to register families for this event. The program is designed for kids ages 5-11 and their parents/guardians.

- **I ♥ the Park!**

Saturday, Feb. 17, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Celebrate love for art at the park! Families are invited to share the fun with and create something special for a special someone.

- **Native Tales!**

Saturday, March 17, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Visitors will hear stories of native heritage and explore the messages of our natural world through the teachings of the tree people.

- **Crazy Curves!**

Saturday, April 21, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Participants will explore the crazy curves of Richard Serra's *Wake*, then twist and move their bodies to the beat at this freestyle family dance party at the park. Visitors will discover the magic of an urban park, then make their own scrolls inspired by the landscape.

- **BIG, Tall, small**

Saturday, May 19, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

An exploration of size and shapes.

- **Rain or Shine!**

Saturday, June 16, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Visitors can explore the reflective surfaces of the park's sculptures, reflect on the connection of an urban park landscapes and then create their own works of art.

- **Zippity Do Da!**

Saturday, July 21, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

From the art studio to the waterfront, families can take a holiday along the Olympic Sculpture Park's Z-shaped path.

- **Rock, Paper, Scissors**  
Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
*Information to come.*
- **Salmon Saturday!**  
Saturday, Sept. 22, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Get wild at the park! Families are invited to a Native Arts celebration, honoring the return of the salmon. Attendees will hear fish tales and design their own salmon using traditional Salish coast designs.
- **Wicked Weird**  
Saturday, Oct. 20, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
*Information to come.*
- **Fabulous Fall Fun!**  
Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
What do sculptures and plants have in common? Both will inspire families to see colors in a whole new way! At this event, families will explore the inspiration artist find in nature.
- **ReMix!**  
Saturday, Dec. 15, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Family members will dDiscover the sounds of an urban park then make musical instruments using recycled materials.

### **Stay Tuned!**

SAM's Web site will be updated routinely with information about new and exciting programs, including: Kid Flicks, summer camp, tours for toddlers and more!

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