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WAVE HILL OPENS NEW EXHIBITION *IN RESPONSE:* *SUMMER PROJECTS*

In Response: Summer Projects: June 11-September 1, 2008

Artists: Andrew Cooks, Maria Martinez-Cañas, Christian Nguyen, Milton Rosa-Ortiz, Christopher Russell, and Scherezade

Summer Exhibition Reception: June 15 from 1-4pm

Artist Talks: Saturday, July 12 from 1-3pm, and Sunday, July 13 at 2:15pm

Exhibition Tours

Thursdays, 12pm

Saturdays, 2:15pm

Additional August Exhibition Tours

Wednesday, 12pm

Bronx, NY, May 27, 2008—Wave Hill, a public garden and cultural center, announces new commissions by cutting-edge artists on view this summer. Opening on June 11, ***In Response: Summer Projects*** features six artists who invigorate the rooms of Glyndor Gallery and the south lawn with provocative installations that contrast the wildness of nature with the human impulse to intervene. The formality of the North Gallery is a foil for **Andrew Cooks'** paintings on paper that function as decorative wall panels, drawing inspiration from French and Persian gardens as well as the Wave Hill's garden plan and collection. Miami-based photographer **Maria Martinez-Cañas** transforms the center room into a sensory experience with woodland photographs adhered to the walls, coated with beeswax and interspersed with curly willow branches. **Christopher Russell** explores the highly ordered life of bees through a series of ceramic sculptures that play on the rich tradition of nature-inspired still life ceramics. **Christian Nguyen's** wall drawing and architectural fragments refer to spaces carved out of the landscape that are both utopian and sacred. In the sun porch **Milton Rosa-Ortiz** flips the experience of the room by created an imaginary, up-side-down, floating pond with a surface rippled with ice shards, and a three dimensional floating flower at the center. On the sloping lawn below the gallery **Scherezade's** has created a curving wall that merging into the landscape by weaving images of the natural and urban environments that flutter in the breeze.

Collectively these works invite visitors to experience the exuberant summer landscape in a new way. A new exhibition tour program and a variety of public programs offer a variety of ways to engage with the exhibition and meet the artists.

Exhibition-related Public Programs (free with admission to grounds)

June 28 & 29, 1–4pm: *Build Up a Nature Wall*, Family Art Project led by **Scherezade**. Collage your own hanging paper wall. *Kerlin Learning Center*

July 5 & 6, 1–4pm: *Buildings Under the Earth*, Family Art Project led by **Christian Nguyen**. Draw and color an underground fantasia. *Kerlin Learning Center*

July 12, 1–3pm: *Demonstration* by **Christopher Russell**, who sculpts bees and birds from clay. *Glyndor Gallery*

July 13, 2:15pm: *Exhibition Tour* with curator **Jennifer McGregor** and artists **Christian Nguyen** and **Milton Rosa-Ortiz**, for a behind-the-scenes look at the projects in the exhibition. *Glyndor Gallery*

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A 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, Wave Hill’s mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.

GALLERY HOURS Tuesday—Sunday 10am—4:30pm

ADMISSION Tuesday and Saturday mornings: Free 9am to noon
Free all day Tuesday in July and August
Wednesday—Sunday and Saturday afternoons: \$6 adults, \$3 students
and seniors 65+, \$2 children 6+
Free to Members, and children under 6.
Parking \$8 onsite, limited availability. Free offsite parking with shuttle service.
Free shuttle service to and from Metro-North Riverdale station and terminus of IRT #1
subway line. www.wavehill.org/directions/ for pick-up and drop-off schedule

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