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## **WAVE HILL INTRODUCES SUNROOM PROJECT SPACE**

### **Emerging Artists Exhibit New Work in Greenhouse Setting Beginning March 3**

Bronx, NY, March 1, 2007 – Beginning March 3, Wave Hill introduces a series of solo exhibitions for professional emerging artists in its Sunroom Project Space. This glass-enclosed gallery, located in a turn-of-the-century house, features terracotta floors and four large, arched windows overlooking Wave Hill’s expansive gardens. **“The quality of light and the immediacy of the natural world challenge artists to expand their oeuvre, either by developing a special project or creating a new body of work for this unique space,”** says **Curator Erica Strongin**. From 160 applicants, five artists have been selected to exhibit in 2007: Peter D. Gerakaris (March 3-April 15), Pedro Cruz-Castro (April 20-May 25); Margie Neuhaus (September 8-October 14); Jeff Feddersen (September 8-October 14); and Joianne Bittle Knight (October 19-November 25).

#### **Peter D. Gerakaris**

##### ***Spectrumorphosis***

March 3 – April 15, 2007

Meet the Artist: March 3, 2-4pm

Peter D. Gerakaris’s first site-specific work synthesizes atmospheric light with the Sunroom environment, harmonizing the hot and cool tones of the color spectrum. Using painted vinyl gels, sunlight is filtered through vibrant botanical and biomorphic window-imagery to generate a tropical reversal of the exterior winter landscape on the Sunroom walls. A stereographic wall mural, with botanical silhouettes suggestive of retinal after-images, covers the North wall. The broad leaves of select plants capture the filtered light to heighten the tropical artifice. Gerakaris’s exploration of the relationship between light and color produces rhythmic patterns throughout the room creating an immersive experience. *On March 10 and 11, 1-4pm, Gerakaris leads a Family Art Project that investigates ways to transform light with patterns and designs.*

#### **Pedro Cruz-Castro**

##### ***Reclamation***

April 20 – May 25, 2007

Meet the Artist: April 29, 2-4pm

Blurring the boundaries of indoors and outdoors, the Sunroom provides the perfect setting for Pedro Cruz-Castro’s project, *Reclamation*, which includes two wood sculptures based on furniture, a table and grandfather clock. The sculptures act as a metaphor for the interaction and relationship between the natural and man-made environments. The table, rustic and simple, is constructed from wood, natural branches and tree sections from a maple tree. Working with an existing grandfather clock, Cruz-Castro breaks it down, restructuring and transforming it, uniting it with the London plane tree, thus playing into the ambiguity of his

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premise, “what came first?” Cruz-Castro asks, “Have the trees taken root over time, growing up into the furniture, or has the furniture begun to grow branches and roots?” The Sunroom Project Space gives Cruz-Castro the opportunity to create site-specific work in a unique setting, while exploring his interest in public art.

### **Margie Neuhaus**

September 8 – October 14, 2007

Reception: September 9, 1-4pm

Artist Talk: October 7

Inspired by plant biology, Margie Neuhaus will employ painted vellum, fabric and thread to create a system of cellular-like clusters that twist and connect across the walls of the Sunroom.

### **Jeff Feddersen**

*ForestBot*

September 8 – October 14, 2007

Reception: September 9, 1-4pm

Artist Talk: October 7

*ForestBot* is a sound installation that grew out of Jeff Feddersen’s interest in art and technology. It features robotic sculptures made of wood, metal, fiberglass, rattles, motors and custom electronics that envelop visitors with sounds that are similar to those encountered in the forest.

### **Joianne Bittle Knight**

October 19 – December 2, 2007

Meet the Artist: October 21

Joianne Bittle Knight will debut the fourth painting in her series on the Royal Family, along with a group of preparatory drawings and studies. In this meticulous oil painting, she examines the intricate, anatomical details of various beetles.

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Wednesday – Sunday: \$4/general public; \$2/students and seniors 65+; Free to members and children under 6  
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