

MEDIA ALERT September 30, 2020



STORM KING ART CENTER MARKS ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY WITH AN ARTIST-LED ONLINE EVENT SERIES AND BENEFIT AUCTION THIS FALL

OCTOBER 1-15, 2020

WHAT

In lieu of its Annual Gala in New York City, Storm King Art Center will host a series of online artist talks and panel discussions featuring Storm King artists, curators, and collaborators as the museum celebrates 60 years of art in nature. The two-week live event program will coincide with an online benefit auction hosted by Artsy from October 1-15, 2020.

"We are inviting our visitors, artists, and neighbors to celebrate virtually this year, not just to commemorate our 60th anniversary, but also to recognize and honor all those who have supported Storm King over the past six decades," said John Stern, President of Storm King. "At Storm King, visitors interact with art in a landscape that changes with each passing season – a unique experience made possible because of our supporters who are behind all of what we do and can do. Participating in these artist-led programs and our benefit auction helps us to continue our mission to commission artists, preserve our grounds and collection, and offer new exhibitions and programs each year."

Storm King's 60th Anniversary Celebration will feature artist talks hosted by Andy Goldsworthy and Maya Lin–whose landmark commissions *Storm King Wall* and *Storm King Wavefield* helped define the museum's site. Storm King Board Members and artists Heather Hart and Virginia Overton will also host online conversations with other special artist guests including Hank Willis Thomas and Maren Hassinger.

The online benefit auction, featuring works by preeminent artists from Zhang Huan to Alice Aycock, as well as fine art photographs of Storm King by Jerry L. Thompson, will open to bids on Artsy's website from 1PM EST on October 1, 2020 through 5PM EST on October 15, 2020.

Offerings will also include a curated Storm King getaway to an architectural gem in nearby Mountainville, complete with glass walls that provide 360-degree sweeping views of the Art Center and Schunemunk Mountain. As a part of the experience, guests will enjoy a private tour of Storm King, followed by a gourmet picnic with champagne pairings led by one of Ruinart's expert wine ambassadors.

All funds raised will support Storm King Art Center's exhibitions and public programs.

WHEN

Thursday, October 1 – Thursday, October 15, 2020

60th ANNIVERSARY VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Maya Lin & Edwina von Gal: Moderated by Nora Lawrence, Storm King's Senior Curator Thursday, October 1, 5:30-6:30pm EST Register <u>here</u>

Heather Hart & Hank Willis Thomas: *Earth Seed* Tuesday, October 6, 6-7pm EST Register here

Virginia Overton & Maren Hassinger: Wednesday, October 14, 6-7pm EST Register here

Andy Goldsworthy Thursday, October 15, 1-2pm EST Register <u>here</u>

For further information please visit https://www.stormking60.org/.

BENEFIT AUCTION

Storm King's Benefit Auction, in partnership with Artsy, will feature artworks by Mark Dion, Chakaia Booker, Martha Tuttle, and Zhang Huan, among others. Also included will be a curated weekend getaway complete with an in-depth private tour of the Art Center and gourmet picnic, and accommodation at a nearby mid-century, glass-walled home with sweeping, 360-degree views of Storm King and Schunemunk Mountain.

All proceeds benefit Storm King's exhibitions and programs. For auction information, including previews of confirmed lots, please visit https://www.stormking60.org/.

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About Storm King Art Center

Storm King Art Center is a 500-acre outdoor museum located in New York's Hudson Valley, where visitors experience large-scale sculpture and site-specific commissions under open sky. Since 1960, Storm King has been dedicated to stewarding the hills, meadows, and forests of its site and surrounding landscape. Building on the visionary thinking of its founders, Storm King supports artists and some of their most ambitious works. Changing exhibitions, programming, and seasons offer discoveries with every visit.

Join the conversation on social media by mentioning **Storm King Art Center** and using the hashtags #StormKing and #Stormking60 when posting.

Instagram: @stormkingartcenter | Facebook: StormKingArtCenter | Twitter: @StormKingArtCtr

Website: stormking.org

Visitor Info

Storm King is located at 1 Museum Road, New Windsor, New York

Hours:

Wednesday-Monday, 10:00am-6:30pm

Member Mornings: Sunday, 10:00am-11:00am

Admission:

During Storm King's opening stages, pricing is assessed by vehicle. Visitor may purchase tickets for up to 6 people per vehicle (children under 5 years old do not contribute to person count).

Car (1 person) \$20.00

Car (2 people) \$40.00

Car (3 people) \$48.00

Car (4 people) \$68.00

Car (5 people) \$76.00

Car (6 people) \$84.00

Storm King is pleased to offer complimentary admission in 2020 to the following frontline healthcare workers: doctors, nurses, hospital staff, EMTs, and paramedics. Other visitors who are eligible to access free admission include active military and their families, EBT users via Museums for All, and Storm King partner school students, families, and educators. Visitors may also obtain free admission for a vehicle of 6 via a local Library Membership. Visitors who qualify for free admission must call and reserve their ticket by phone.

Membership:

Members receive unlimited free admission, access to Member Mornings and virtual events, and a 10% discount in the online Museum Store. Visit stormking.org/membership to join or renew as a Member.

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