

STORM KING ART CENTER

MEDIA ALERT

September 27, 2021

**STORM KING ART CENTER'S ANNUAL GALA WAS HELD SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
HONORING ARTIST MARTIN PURYEAR AND PHILANTHROPIC NONPROFIT VIA ART FUND**



L: Guest with Puryear Commission Model R: Martin Puryear, John Stern, and Adam Weinberg
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WHAT

Storm King Art Center hosted its eleventh Annual Gala on the Storm King Art Center grounds on Museum Hill, honoring artist **Martin Puryear** and nonprofit philanthropic arts organization **VIA Art Fund**, accepted by President Bridgitt Evans. The honorees received the Storm King Award, given in recognition of meaningful contributions in the fields of visual arts, landscape, and nature conservation.

Remarks were given by **John Stern**, President of Storm King, who said: “Every year is a great year for art at Storm King, but 2021 has been truly remarkable. We celebrated the opening of *Fallen Sky* by Sarah Sze—at the time, our first permanent, site-specific commission in more than a decade—alongside tremendous exhibitions by Sarah, Rashid Johnson, and Martha Tuttle which engaged audiences in the Hudson Valley and beyond with critical issues of our moment. We couldn’t be happier to share this alongside the news of Martin Puryear’s forthcoming commission and exhibition, and we look forward to many more phenomenal years for art and artists at Storm King.”

The event was attended by an eclectic mix of Storm King supporters, including artists Doug Aitken, Chakaia Booker, Heather Hart, Jason and Alicia Moran, Brandon Ndife, Virginia Overton, Ursula von Rydingsvard, Alyson Shotz, Tavares Strachan, and Martha Tuttle. Notable guests and Storm King Trustees in attendance included Gala co-chairs Joan S. Davidson and Courtney B. Vance, Roberta and Steven Denning, Helen Drutt English, Jia Jia Fei, Jennifer Nolen, James H. Ottaway, Jr., Destinee Ross-Sutton, Thomas Russo, Sandy Rower, Claudia Schreier, Richard J. Smith, Adam Weinberg, and Karen Zukowski and David Diamond, among others.

WHERE

Storm King Art Center, 1 Museum Road, New Windsor, NY 12553

WHEN

Saturday, September 25, 2021

HONORING

Martin Puryear; VIA Art Fund, accepted by President Bridgitt Evans

[Watch video profiles of Storm King Award honorees on Vimeo >](#)

GALA CHAIRS

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EVENING ITINERARY

5PM: Reception, including Silent Auction and Exhibition Viewings

7PM: Dinner and Storm King Award Presentation

SILENT AUCTION

Storm King's silent auction featured original artworks by Maya Lin, Virginia Overton, Ugo Rondinone, Wangechi Mutu, Joel Shapiro, and Arlene Shechet, among others. Online bidding, powered by Artsy, is open until October 7.

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.

Storm King's 2021 season runs through December 12, 2021. For more information, please visit stormking.org.

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