

# THE SCULPTURE CENTER

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## **News Release**

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### **Paul Kochanowski: *Inanimate: observations, lectures, and labor* Exhibition at The Sculpture Center in the Window to Sculpture Series**

The Sculpture Center will feature sculptor Paul Kochanowski with a solo exhibition entitled *Inanimate: observations, lectures, and labor*, from November 5 through December 3, 2004. The free, public reception with the artist is Friday, November 5, from 5 pm to 9 pm. Nancy Prudic, multi-media artist and assistant professor of visual art at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio, will lead a gallery talk with the artist at 6:15 pm during the reception.

Paul Kochanowski relies on industrial process to create discarded or over-looked objects in aluminum, bronze, and polyester resin. "I feel that our capitalistic and commodity driven society alienates the very work force that anchors it in place. ... By transcribing everyday commodities into new materials, I am questioning the qualities that machine made forms possess versus that of the handmade article." Kochanowski strives to elevate the value of the seemingly unimportant mass-produced object, handcrafting its form in a lasting, solid material. As example: an egg carton typically made from Styrofoam or cardboard is created in aluminum and enamel. The purpose of the object does not change, but it's importance and significance can be re-evaluated, and the craft of the making of the object can be appreciated.

Kochanowski, a sculptor and sous chef, is a native resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. He earned a BFA in Sculpture in 2003 from the College of Design Art Architecture and Planning at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior to his solo exhibition at The Sculpture Center, he has shown in group shows in Cincinnati, Ohio, and New York City.

#### About The Sculpture Center

The Sculpture Center gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm, and Saturdays from noon to 4 pm. Admission, reception with the artist, and parking are free. The Sculpture Center is handicapped accessible. The Sculpture Center is a not-for-profit arts organization. Exhibiting Window to Sculpture artists receive 100% of sales.

Exhibition information and photos available at: [www.sculpturecenter.org/downloads/wts0405season.html](http://www.sculpturecenter.org/downloads/wts0405season.html)

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