

THE SCULPTURE CENTER

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So Yeon Park: *Four Caskets Project* Exhibition at The Sculpture Center in the *Window to Sculpture Series*

The Sculpture Center will feature sculptor and performance artist **So Yeon Park**, with a solo exhibition entitled *Four Caskets Project* from August 21 through September 17, 2004. The free, public reception with the artist is Saturday, August 21 from 5 pm to 9 pm. During the opening, Park will perform a ritual procession to express symbolic mourning outside of the gallery building beginning at 6pm. She invites visitors to light incense outside throughout the evening in representation of ascending spirits, and to make paper flowers in celebration of life to add to her gallery installation throughout the run of the show. Materials will be provided for the two visitor activities.

So Yeon Park calls upon her native Korean cultural traditions to create cathartic metaphoric structures and uses performance movement to express emotions. This casket series installation represents her grieving and healing process for people in her life who have passed away. Using materials such as cotton string to form a woven bed adorned with tissue paper flowers, each casket signifies a special ceremony, and a provides a tangible form for release of emotions.

Park was born in Pusan, raised in Seoul, Korea, and is currently living in Lawrence, Kansas, where she is assistant professor, teaching Drawing and Performance in Expanded Media at The University of Kansas. She holds an MFA in Art from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; a BFA in Sculpture/Ceramics from California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland and San Francisco, California; and a BFA in Arts and Crafts from Seoul Women's University, Seoul, Korea. Park has exhibited and performed in solo and group shows in Columbus, Ohio, at Marin Headlands, Golden Gate National Park, California, and in Seoul, Korea.

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 artists receive 100% of sales.

Exhibition information and photos available at: www.sculpturecenter.org/downloads/wts0405season.html

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