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## The Sculpture Center hosting its first Free Summer Community Cookout On Saturday, July 29, 2017 (Rain Date: August 5)

**CLEVELAND**— The Sculpture Center, an arts institution dedicated to advancing the careers of emerging sculptors of Ohio and its greater region and the preservation of Ohio outdoor public sculpture, is hosting a **Free Community Cookout on Saturday, July 29**, from **12 – 4 p.m.** for our neighbors and their families, artists, and the greater Cleveland community, at **The Sculpture Center (1834 E. 123<sup>rd</sup> St. Cleveland, Ohio, just south of Euclid Avenue and next to Lake View Cemetery).**

“The Sculpture Center organized this first Free Community Cookout to celebrate the summer in Cleveland with everyone from our area. We particularly want to extend a hand to individuals from underserved and minority communities to network and discover The Sculpture Center’s resources for families and for early and mid-career artists,” says Megan McCollum, summer Marketing & Community Outreach ARTS Intern at The Sculpture Center, B.A. Candidate (2018) in Illustration with an emphasis in Graphic Design at the Cleveland Institute of Art, and co-organizer of the event.

“The Sculpture Center wants individuals from the underserved and minority communities of Cleveland to understand that there there is opportunity for the public to enjoy other free events here, like artists talks and exhibition openings, as well as visiting our exhibitions all year long,” says Nafis Watson, summer Marketing & Community Outreach ARTS Intern at The Sculpture Center, B.F.A. Candidate (2019) in Sculpture and Expanded Media at the Cleveland Institute of Art, and co-organizer of the event.

\*High Resolution Image Available



The Sculpture Center’s first Summer Community Cookout on **Saturday, July 29, from 12 – 4 p.m.** is free and open to the public, family-oriented, and handicap accessible. **Location: The Sculpture Center, 1834 E. 123<sup>rd</sup> St.** (beside the Euclid Ave. HealthLine and Little Italy RTA stop). Parking is free. Vegetarian options and kid-friendly crafts will be available. **Rain Date: August 5, 2017.**

The Sculpture Center is an arts institution dedicated to **advancing the careers** of emerging sculptors of **Ohio and its greater region** and the **preservation of Ohio outdoor public sculpture**, as a means to provide support for artists and to effect the enrichment, education, enjoyment and visual enhancement of the Cleveland community and beyond. It is **unique in the nation** for its role as an **incubator** for early career sculptors in a defined region.

The Sculpture Center is a **risk-taking** organization that encourages the creation of **new artwork** for all its exhibitions. We broadly define “**sculptors**” as **artists of sculpture and other three dimensional work in all media, installation, social practice, expanded media, and performance**. The artists often expand into **new directions** when provided the opportunity to exhibit here.

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### **About The Sculpture Center**

*Founded by Cleveland artist David E. Davis in 1989, The Sculpture Center is a not-for-profit arts organization with a mission unique to this country of supporting the careers of emerging sculptors of Ohio and our greater region and encouraging the preservation of Ohio public outdoor sculpture. The Sculpture Center exhibits the highest quality contemporary sculpture by rapidly rising, mid-career, and established artists with a focus on sculpture of our region. We value risk taking and an exploration of new avenues of creativity by each artist. New artwork is created especially for all our curated exhibitions. Admission is always free. There is ample free parking and handicap accessibility to our galleries.*

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