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Rob Hackett RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER'S 2015 OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE AWARD

(Hamilton, NJ) Rob Hackett of Allison Park, Pennsylvania has been awarded the prestigious International Sculpture Center's *Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award* for 2015. Rob Hackett is a student at University of Maryland.

The International Sculpture Center (ISC) established the annual "Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award" program in 1994 to recognize young sculptors and to encourage their continued commitment to the field. It was also designed to draw attention to the sculpture programs of the participating universities, colleges and art schools. The award program's growing publicity resulted in an exceptional number of participating institutions; including over 158 universities, colleges and art school sculpture programs from six countries for a nominated total of 423 students.

A distinguished panel made up of Chakaia Booker, Sculptor, NY; Kelly Kivland, Assistant Curator at Dia Art Foundation, NY; and Maki Hajikano, Associate Professor of Fine Arts at York College at CUNY, NY; selected 18 recipients and 7 honorable mentions through a competitive viewing process of the works submitted. The selection of the recipients from a large pool of applicants, including international students, is a great accomplishment and testament to the artistic promise of the students' work.

The 18 award recipients will participate in the Grounds For Sculpture's Fall/Winter Exhibition, which will be on view from October 2015 – March 2016 in Hamilton, New Jersey, adjacent to the ISC headquarters. The artist's work will be featured in the October 2015 issue of the International Sculpture Center's award winning publication, *Sculpture* magazine as well as on the ISC's award-winning website at www.sculpture.org.

The International Sculpture Center (ISC) is a member-supported, nonprofit organization founded in 1960 to champion the creation and understanding of sculpture and its unique, vital contribution to society. Members include sculptors, collectors, patrons, architects, developers, journalists, curators, historians, critics, educators, foundries, galleries, and museums-anyone with an interest in and commitment to the field of sculpture. Please visit www.sculpture.org for further details.

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