

RE:GROWTH: A CELEBRATION OF ART, RIVERSIDE PARK AND THE NEW YORK SPIRIT

A Public Art Exhibition Produced by the Riverside Park Conservancy Curated by Karin Bravin June 5- September 13, 2021

Re: Growth is a site-specific public art exhibition that will include work by over twenty artists. With diverse installations ranging across several miles, this outdoor exhibit will give people a safe, entertaining celebration to enjoy as we slowly emerge from the pandemic.

The exhibit will focus on all aspects of Regrowth and its many connotations: literal, metaphorical, poetic, philosophical. The projects will infuse the park from 68th Street to 145th Street with color and unexpected materials expanding visitors' ideas of how to encounter art. We all are finding the need to escape the confines of our interior spaces. Trees and grass allow us to escape our urban environment for a moment; Re:Growth will enrich that experience, allowing us to appreciate the creativity and diversity that exist in New York City.

The exhibition includes 16 site-specific installations and an additional ten flag and banner projects. Artists Include: Blanka Amezkua, Kenseth Armstead, Vanessa Albury, Lee Boroson, Dahlia Elsayed, Mark Joshua Epstein, Rico Gatson, DeWitt Godfrey, Joshua Goode, Valerie Hegarty, Wennie Huang, Beth Krebs, Sadie Laska, Niki Lederer, Wendy Letven, LoVid, Mary Mattingly, Jairo Minaya, Sui Park, Shuli Sadé, David Shaw, Jean Shin, Glen Wilson, Letha Wilson, Woolpunk

Riverside Park Conservancy is the non-profit support organization for the Park. Their mission is to preserve, maintain, and improve this distinctive waterfront green space which stretches along the Hudson river from 59th to 158th Street. The Park serves a uniquely diverse and devoted population; millions of visitors a year find both relaxation and recreation in its 330 acres. "This is a gift to all New Yorkers as we come out of this pandemic. The Conservancy is happy to celebrate its 35th year of service to the Park by delivering this free, and socially-distanced, activity for people to enjoy all summer long." - Dan Garodnick, President and CEO of the Conservancy

Karin Bravin is a curator with a strong interest in site-specific, public and installation art projects. In 2006, in a prior iteration, Bravin curated eleven installations in Riverside Park. In 2009 she became consultant for the Downtown Alliance, where she selected and oversaw ten art projects on construction barriers in lower Manhattan; She is the currently consultant for the Lewes, Delaware Public Art Commission and sits on the arts advisory board of The Stimler Arts Trail in Easton, PA.

Public art engages visitors when they least expect it. I am inspired by this element of surprise, where art meets viewers in their own world. Projects like this, that remove gallery walls, make both art and nature accessible to all. It is a thrill to be working with Dan Garodnick and the Riverside Park Conservancy to make this happen." -Karin Bravin, curator

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Blanka Amezkua, Happiness Is.... (photoshop rendering)

Artist Websites:

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[Lee Boroson](#)

[Dahlia Elsayed](#)

[Mark Joshua Epstein](#)

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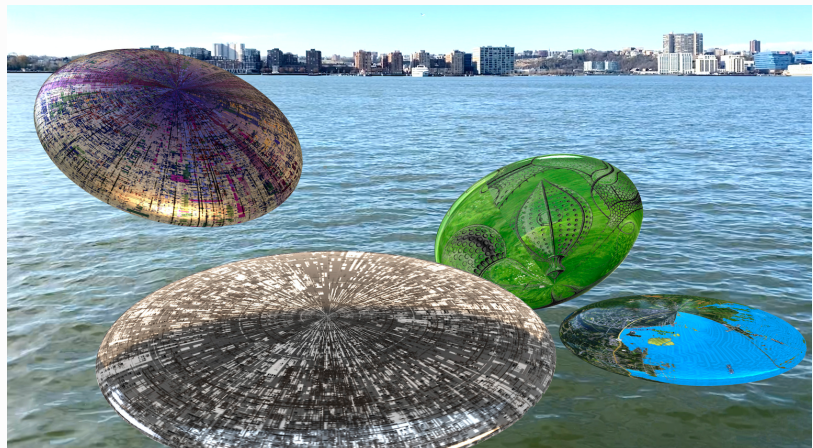
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Shuli Sadé, Upstream Downstream (augmented reality installation) - 4 different locations along the river

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Curator: Karin Bravin

Karin Bravin is a curator with a strong interest in site-specific, public and installation art projects. She curates throughout New York, advising and helping to build art collections.

In 2006 she curated and produced *Studio in The Park*, a three month exhibition of eleven art installations in Riverside Park. The projects were sited in unexpected places: under tunnels, on baseball backstops, in the Hudson River, and along the meandering paths. In 2009 she became consultant for the Downtown Alliance, where she selected and oversaw several art projects on construction barriers in lower Manhattan. Among some of her other projects, she curated 19 site-specific works at Lehman College and several installations for a gallery during Bushwick Open Studios. She is the curator and consultant for The Public Arts Commission of Lewes, Delaware and on the arts advisory committee for The Stirner Arts Trail in Easton Pennsylvania.

Since 1991, Karin Bravin and her husband, John Post Lee, have had a contemporary art gallery in New York. They focus their attention on their exhibition program, artist rug program, site-specific/public art program and an artist book program. They curate outside of the gallery, lecture, teach, participate in art fairs, and foster an active art advisory.

Bravin received her BA in art history from Dartmouth College. In their spare time, Karin and John hang out in Riverside Park with their two almost-grown children (who are actively involved with the gallery) and their dog Leroy.



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