



John Preus, the Chicago-based artist in The Jackman Goldwasser Residency at Hyde Park Art Center, has been experimenting in his studio in preparation for his solo show, "The Beast," opening April 13.

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Jackman Goldwasser Residency at Hyde Park Art Center welcomes global artists

Entering its second year, Hyde Park Art Center's Jackman Goldwasser Residency announces its 2014 Resident Artists, visiting from around the world to live and work in Chicago. The program, named for its benefactor, long-time Art Center board member **Deone Jackman**, invites emerging and mid-career international and regional artists to Chicago to spend one- to two-month residencies at the Art Center. With the goal of deepening engagement between global and local contemporary art practices, the Art Center supports Resident Artists as they develop new projects, present work, and connect with Chicago's art community.

This year, the Art Center is thrilled to host **Paul Mpagi Sepuya** (New York), **Einat Amir** (Israel), **Sanjeev Shankar** (India), and **Nuria Montiel** (Mexico), as well as Chicago-based artist **John Preus**, who will be working on a large-scale installation for his solo exhibition, "The Beast," which will open in the Art Center's main gallery in April. Preus will transform the gallery's interior with a complex architectural framework inspired by the form of a dead steer meant to be emblematic of violence and sacrifice, fabricating the structure from harvested materials including upholstery leather and discarded wood and furniture from recently closed Chicago Public Schools. Existing as an artist-run space throughout the span of the exhibition, "The Beast" will be activated through August with corresponding performances, discussions and educational offerings programmed by the artist and collaborators. Chicago-based **Susan Giles** will begin her year-long residency in September.

The Jackman Goldwasser Residency provides a platform each year for international, national, and local artists to take creative risks within their practice and expand their professional networks while living and working in Chicago. The Residency complements and enhances the Art Center's mission to stimulate and sustain the visual arts in Chicago by facilitating global exchange. With the goal of catalyzing networks, The Residency fosters connections between resident artists and Chicago's wealth of cultural resources, and initiates relationships with institutions, organizations, and individuals based outside the Chicago area to increase opportunities for local artists.

The Jackman Goldwasser Residency at Hyde Park Art Center will host artist talks, open studios, and workshops throughout the year to invite interaction with the artists during their visits. Additionally, studio visits and meetings are available by appointment at Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 South Cornell Ave, Chicago, IL, 60615, 773-324-5520 and www.hydeparkart.org.

Visit www.hydeparkart.org/residency for more information on individual events in this program.

Hyde Park Art Center is a unique resource that advances contemporary visual art in Chicago by connecting artists and communities in unexpected ways. As an open forum for exploring the artistic process, the Art Center fosters creativity through making, learning about, seeing, and discussing art—all under one roof. The Art Center is funded in part by: the Alphawood Foundation; Andy Warhol Foundation for Visual Arts; a City Arts III grant from the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events; Field Foundation of Illinois; Harper Court Arts Council; Harpo Foundation; Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; The Irving Harris Foundation; Joyce Foundation; Lloyd A. Fry Foundation; MacArthur Fund for Arts and Culture at Prince; National Endowment for the Arts; Polk Bros. Foundation; Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust; and the generosity of its members and people like you.