



DeCordova Sculpture Park + Museum
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DeCordova Offers Free Friday Nights in July

Lincoln, MA, May 29, 2009: On each of the five Friday nights in July, the DeCordova Sculpture Park + Museum is offering free admission. July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, the DeCordova campus will be free and open to the public extended hours, from 5 pm to 9pm. Free admission will include all special exhibitions including *The Old, Weird America*. Additionally there will be live concerts on the Sculpture Terrace, interactive galleries exploring, hands-on art making activities, studio demonstrations by Museum School faculty, and family activity kits. The program is made possible by a grant from Crossroads Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of family life in Metro-West Massachusetts.

"We are excited to partner with Crossroads to offer Free Friday Nights in July, welcome new visitors to the Museum, and thank our many supporters" said Director Dennis Kois. "Given the economy, we're pleased to present families an affordable way to spend time together, and enjoy a beautiful evening in the Park and Museum."

Boxed family picnic dinners, prepared by Lexington caterer Via Lago, can be reserved in advance from the Café @ DeCordova for dining al fresco on DeCordova's Sculpture Terrace. For questions about pricing or to reserve a basket, email jbiffinger@decordova.org.

Live music performances, coinciding with the themes of the exhibition *The Old, Weird America*, will be held between 6:30pm and 8:00pm on the Sculpture Terrace, featuring the following line-up:

July 3 rd	Tom Yates and Group
July 10 th	Jeremy Lyons
July 17 th	Ameri-MF-cana with Sue Burkhart and Ed Vardas
July 24 th	Wepecket Island Records
July 31 st	Notorious with Larry Unger & Eden MacAdam-Somer

The Store @ DeCordova will have special giveaways, and a free family DeCordova membership worth \$90 will be given away every Friday.

July 17th also marks the public opening reception of the redesigned Dr. Kenneth Germeshausen Art ExperienCenter, with an installation by artist Nadya Volicer. The reception will take place in Art ExperienCenter gallery, on the fourth floor of the Museum, from 6 pm to 9 pm. The project, entitled *Brain Storm*, is a family-friendly interactive art

exhibit created from recycled materials. Visitors will be able to enter this new installation, meet the artist, and participate in art-making activities involving recycled materials.

About DeCordova

Founded in 1950, DeCordova Sculpture Park + Museum was established to educate as broad and diverse a public as possible about modern and contemporary American art. With a 35-acre Sculpture Park that features more than 80 works, a robust slate of exhibitions, the largest non-degree granting studio art program in the state, and innovative interpretive programming, DeCordova is at the forefront of arts education as well as an exciting contemporary art destination.

DeCordova attracts more than 100,000 visitors from New England and tourists from around the world to its campus each year; trains 200 teachers in arts education; and enrolls 4,000 students of all ages in studio art classes in the Museum School. Known as an accessible contemporary arts museum, visitors engage Museum Guides in conversation about artwork on display, the artistic process, and other issues in contemporary art. DeCordova has 3,500 members, and a unique Corporate Art Program which loans work by regional contemporary artists to more than 100 businesses in Massachusetts for public display.

General Information: DeCordova is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 am to 5 pm and on selected Monday holidays. General admission during Museum hours is \$12 for adults; \$8 for senior citizens, students, and youth ages 6–12. Children age 5 and under, Lincoln residents, and Active Duty Military Personnel and their dependents are admitted free. The Sculpture Park is open year-round during daylight hours. Guided public tours of the Museum's main galleries take place every Thursday at 1 pm and Sunday at 2 pm. Tours of the Sculpture Park are given on Saturday and Sunday at 1 pm from May to October. All guided public tours are free with Campus admission. Visit www.decordova.org or call 781/259-8355 for further information.

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