



# MAKERS MARKET

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## MAKERS MARKET 2011 ANNOUNCED

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An open air marketplace featuring a curated selection of skillfully crafted products presented in a series of large tents within Socrates Sculpture Park

#### Preview Benefit Event:

Thursday, June 23, 5-8 pm / \$50

Be among the first to shop Makers Market

#### Weekend Market Hours

Friday, June 24, 11 am—7 pm/ Free Admission

Saturday, June 25, 11 am—7 pm/ Free Admission

Sunday, June 26 11 am—5 pm / Free Admission

**Long Island City, NY (May 2011)** – Now in its third year, Makers Market is a premier forum to experience the convergence of design and contemporary craft in an open-air marketplace. Collectors and enthusiasts will have the opportunity to meet over 50 American makers and shop a curated selection of skillfully crafted, one-of-a-kind products and limited edition objects, including: ceramics, turned wood bowls, glassware, motorcycles, knives, tableware, jewelry, baskets, furniture, lighting, textiles, surfboards and more.

Makers Market will be presented in a series of tents at Socrates Sculpture Park—a built green environment with a working studio and exhibition space for contemporary sculpture—situated on the waterfront in Long Island City with East River and Manhattan skyline views. Long Island City's rich history of industry and manufacturing, and its current status as one of the city's most remarkable cultural communities, provides an ideal context for the Market, which has been curated by Alan Wanzenberg Architect/Design, The Noguchi Museum, R 20th Century, and Socrates Sculpture Park with an emphasis on design excellence, technical expertise and quality of materials.

This year, Makers Market welcomes a number of new makers from across the country including, **Hanna Sandin** (Jewelry/ New York); **Serena Mitnik-Miller** (Household Wares/ San Francisco); and **Jonathan Kline**, Blackash Baskets (Basketry/ Trumansburg, NY). Returning makers include: **Andrea Corson** (Jewelry/ New York); **Daniel Michalik/ DMFD Studio** (Furniture/ Brooklyn); **Emily Miranda** (Jewelry/ Brooklyn); **Eric Bonnin** (Ceramics/ New York); **Thaddeus Wolfe** (Glass/ New York) and more.

In addition, Market 2011 highlights will include a moderated panel discussion entitled, **Craft, Community, and Commerce**, hosted by The Noguchi Museum and free with museum admission; and the Socrates Academy workshop, **Felt Making with Hope Ginsburg**, in which participants will explore the creative possibilities of working with felt.

“With over 4,000 enthusiasts in attendance last year, Makers Market has proven to be an exceptional opportunity for vital exchange between makers at the top of their craft and their peers, collectors and audiences in a relaxed, outdoor setting,” said Alyson Baker, Executive Director of Socrates Sculpture Park and founder of Makers Market. “We look forward to a successful market with an expanded group of makers, and a larger selection of objects and events.”

Downloadable high-resolution images and releases are available online at [www.socratessculpturepark.org/programs/mm.php](http://www.socratessculpturepark.org/programs/mm.php).



Makers from top to bottom:  
Emily Miranda, Satomi  
Kawakita, Neil Haddock,  
Serena Mitnik-Miller, Platform



#### LOCATION

Makers Market will be held at Socrates Sculpture Park  
32-01 Vernon Boulevard at Broadway  
Long Island City, Queens, NY 11106  
[www.socratessculpturepark.org](http://www.socratessculpturepark.org)

#### PREVIEW TICKETS

Thursday, June 23, 5-8 pm / \$50

Tickets are available for purchase online, by mail, or over the phone. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door on June 23 (payable by cash or check only).

To purchase tickets online via credit card visit [www.socratessculpturepark.org](http://www.socratessculpturepark.org). New York Charities accepts Mastercard, Visa and American Express.

To purchase tickets by mail, make checks payable to Socrates Sculpture Park and send to: Makers Market Preview Event, Socrates Sculpture Park, P.O. Box 6259, Long Island City, NY 11106.

To purchase tickets over the phone, contact Ellen Staller at 718-956-1819 x 12.

Proceeds from ticket sales will help support Socrates Sculpture Park. All tickets are non-refundable and will be held at the door.

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#### WORKSHOPS

Socrates Sculpture Park

##### For children:

##### **Saturday Sculpture Workshop**

*Trash to Treasure: Reclaimed Wood*

Saturday, June 25: Noon—3 pm

with Heather Hart & Build It Green! NYC

Using reclaimed wood and other recycled materials, build simple and useful furnishings for your home – an art/design project for the entire family!  
*Free admission / No registration required*

##### For adults:

##### **Socrates Academy:**

##### **Skills for Resourceful City Living**

*Felt Making with Hope Ginsburg*

Sunday, June 26: 2—4 pm

Explore the creative possibilities of felt making by understanding the material and learning different techniques and helpful hints.

*Free admission /*

*Registration required: 718-956-1819*

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

The Noguchi Museum

##### ***Craft, Community, & Commerce***

##### **Moderated by Alan Wanzenberg Architect/Design**

Bill Laurita, Swan's Island Blankets

James Murray, Simon Pearce

Chris Lehrecke, Chris Lehrecke

Tyler Hays, BDDW

Saturday, June 25: 3 pm

*Free with museum admission*

#### DIRECTIONS

By Subway:

Take the N or Q to the Broadway stop in Queens and walk west eight blocks on Broadway toward the East River to the intersection of Vernon Boulevard.

By Bus:

Take Q103, Q104 to Broadway and Vernon Boulevard, or Q19A to Broadway and 21st Street, and walk west on Broadway to the intersection of Vernon Boulevard.

Driving, Cycling or Walking:

For customized directions visit [www.socratessculpturepark.org](http://www.socratessculpturepark.org), [www.hop-stop.com](http://www.hop-stop.com) or [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com).

By Shuttle:

The Noguchi Museum will provide shuttle service on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26.

The bus leaves Manhattan for the Museum from the northeast corner of Park Avenue and 70th Street (in front of the Asia Society). The return bus leaves from the entrance to The Noguchi Museum at 9-01 33rd Road at Vernon Boulevard (across the street and two blocks from Socrates Sculpture Park) and discharges passengers at the Asia Society.

The trip takes approximately thirty minutes one-way. Fare: \$5.00 for one-way, \$10.00 for round-trip.

Shuttle Schedule:

Pick-ups in Manhattan (in front of Asia Society) at 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, and 3:30 pm. Return trips from The Noguchi Museum at 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, and 5:00 pm. The bus holds twenty-five passengers, seated on a first come, first served basis.

