

THE SCULPTURE CENTER

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Petra Kralickova: *Succulence* Exhibition at The Sculpture Center in the *Window to Sculpture* Series

The Sculpture Center will feature sculptor **Petra Kralickova**, in the *Window to Sculpture* series with a solo exhibition entitled *Succulence*, from June 9 through July 7, 2006. The free, public reception with the artist is Friday, June 9 from 5 pm to 9 pm. Robert Thurmer, sculptor, teacher, and Director of Cleveland State University Art Gallery, will lead a gallery talk with the artist at 6:15 pm during the reception.

Petra Kralickova's sculptural compositions are rooted in the figurative tradition. She builds life size figures in fabrics and clay and often emphasizes smaller fragments or components of the body with exaggerated detail and multiplicity. She uses a heightened sense of observation to capture the subtleties of emotional reactions: "I imagine the physical body filling up with experiences that are too intense – too keen to absorb."

Ms. Kralickova, born and raised in Czechoslovakia, lives in Athens, Ohio. She holds an MFA in Ceramics from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Massachusetts, and a BFA in Ceramics from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. She has had recent solo exhibitions in Indiana and Massachusetts; and has exhibited in numerous group and two-person exhibitions in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Winnipeg, Canada, where she conducted a one-month residency at the University of Manitoba. Ms. Kralickova is a part-time director of exhibitions at Ohio University School of Art, Athens, Ohio and is board member of the Ohio Museums Association in Columbus, Ohio.

About *Window to Sculpture*

Window to Sculpture is a series of evocative solo exhibitions by emerging artists that is the programming centerpiece of The Sculpture Center. *Window to Sculpture* serves as a lab to let the art form of sculpture evolve. The exhibitions include site-specific installation art as well as individual works in multiple media and feature diverse artistic viewpoints.

About The Sculpture Center

Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, and Saturday from noon to 4 pm. Programs and hours are subject to change. Admission, parking, and public receptions and gallery talks with *Window to Sculpture* artists, are free. The Sculpture Center is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) arts organization located in Cleveland's University Circle neighborhood. The Sculpture Center is handicapped accessible.

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