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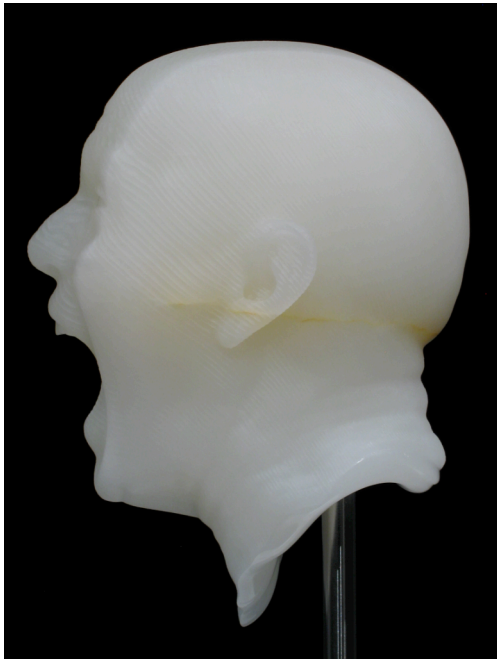
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**SITE SANTA FE PRESENTS SCULPTURE BY BARRY X BALL**

**February 10 – May 13, 2007**  
**Public Opening: Friday, February 9, 5-7 pm**



Santa Fe, NM—SITE Santa Fe is pleased to present the work of Barry X. Ball in his first major museum exhibition from February 10-May 1, 2007. There will be a media preview of the exhibition with the artist on **Thursday, February 8, from 11 am-12 noon**. The free Public Opening is **Friday, February 9, from 5-7 pm**.

**Barry X Ball**, *a portrait, by the artist, of the artist, as he appeared in 1998, screaming, with shaved head, without glasses, at 54% scale, with pronounced diagonal / radial fluting throughout (except for the smooth, highly-polished eyes, teeth, tongue, and neck recess viscera), in translucent Iranian onyx which the artist procured in Carrara, Italy, in June, 2003, 1998–2006, Iranian onyx, 6 7/16 x 3 3/4 x 4 13/16 inches*  
Courtesy of the artist and Salon 94, New York

Barry X Ball's three-dimensional stone portrait heads move past the constraints of mechanical cutting, pushing detail beyond reason. Working with multi-colored stone such as lapis and marble, Ball creates beautiful deformations by stretching and contorting the heads, and overlaying textures such as brocade and lace. Ball's carving process is incredibly complex, and it melds ancient and 21st century technology to extraordinary effect.

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Beginning with a plaster life cast, Ball manipulates the sculpture heads, a number of which are of prominent figures in the art world, adding and subtracting from the original likeness in an extremely labor and time intensive process involving three-dimensional digital laser scanning. Although many of Ball's portrait heads are disturbing in their distortions, they nevertheless conjure thoughts of Roman or Egyptian heads in their use of precious materials with exquisitely finished surfaces. This exhibition will feature twelve heads, as well as two works from Ball's new series of *Scholars' Rocks*, and will be the most significant presentation of his work to date.

Ball has had solo exhibitions at PS1/MOMA Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, New York; Mario Diacono Gallery, Boston; Lühring Augustine, New York; Magasin 3, Stockholm, Sweden; Galerie Isy Brachot, Brussels, Belgium; and Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain, Domaine de Kerguéhennec, Brittany, France. His work has also been included in group exhibitions at the Art Museum at Florida International University, Miami; Le Quartier, center d'art contemporain Brittany, France; Angles Gallery, Santa Monica; and Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris, among others.

Born in Pasadena, California in 1955, Ball graduated from Pomona College in 1977. He has lived and worked in New York since 1978.

### **Art & Culture**

SITE is pleased to present two Art & Culture programs in conjunction with the Barry X Ball exhibition.

**On Thursday, February 22, at 7 pm,** Laura Heon, SITE's Director/ Curator, will speak about the work of Barry X Ball on view at SITE. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine as Heon shares her insights on Ball's process, which melds 21st-century and ancient sculpture technology. Following the lecture, SITE educators will be available for informal tours of the exhibition.

This event is presented in collaboration with the Santa Fe Gallery Association's annual fundraising event ARTfeast, benefiting art programs in the public schools. Hors d'oeuvres are generously provided by The Railyard Restaurant and Saloon. Wine is

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generously provided by Gaugy Gallery. This event is underwritten by Collector's Guide. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Lentic Box Office, 505.988.1234 or [www.ticketssantafe.com](http://www.ticketssantafe.com). As this event is a benefit for ARTsmart, discounted or complimentary SITE member tickets are not available.

**On Tuesday, March 13, at 6 pm,** the artist Barry X Ball will present a lecture entitled "Natural, Human, Perfect: Stone Sculpture in the Digital Age." He will speak about the evolution of his artistic practice, with particular emphasis on his innovative and complex sculptural fabrication process. Along with process, he will address his choice of unique materials and portrait subjects. Using extensive photographs of the creation and fabrication of his sculptures, Ball will juxtapose them with images of finished pieces, both those in the SITE show and earlier works. A question and answer period will follow. This Art & Culture event is co-sponsored by LewAllen Contemporary. Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$5 students, seniors, and SITE Members at Friend, Family and STUDIO levels. Free with advance reservation at the Supporter level and above.

SITE Santa Fe is located at 1606 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico. SITE Santa Fe Hours: Wed–Sat, 10 AM–5 PM; Friday, 10 AM–7 PM; Sunday, 12 PM–5 PM. Museum admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, teachers and seniors; members are free. Free admission is offered on Fridays, made possible by a grant from The Brown Foundation, Inc., of Houston. Tours by SITE Guides are available free of charge to the public with paid admission and are also regularly scheduled on Fridays at 6 pm, and Saturdays & Sundays at 2 pm. SITE Santa Fe gift certificates are available. Call 505.989.1199 for more information.

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