

Black Rock Negative Energy Absorber for First Street Green Park

For the First Street Green Park, I intend to create a large outdoor sculpture called the *Black Rock Negative Energy Absorber*. It is from a series of sculptures I have been working on since 2006, the first having been installed in Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City, NY for a period of six months.

The *Black Rock Negative Energy Absorbers* are a group of sculptures with a magical function: to expunge negative energy from viewers – in the form of prejudice, racism, or even quotidian disdain – and allow them to respond to life with the more open, compassionate, and positive aspects of their personalities. The series is on the one hand a response to living in New York City for the last twelve years and witnessing the madness that takes place in this American microcosm. At the same time, it is also an approach to political art that seeks to push the dialogue started in the late 80's/early 90's forward into 2013 by looking at the problems of society in a more comprehensive way and [A]1 advancing practices culled from new age mythology and ancient religions to heal our still divided and troubled country.

The sculpture—made of wood, metal lathe, and colored concrete—will be anchored directly into the ground and. It will be 24-10 feet tall.
~~and have an opening in the front to allow visitors to go inside and look up through the top of the sculpture or out of the rear round window.~~

I will construct the sculpture on site myself, with the help of a few assistants. I anticipate it taking no more than three weeks to complete. The sculpture, once erected, would reside in the park for six months.





