

# American Academy of Arts and Letters

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## NEWS RELEASE

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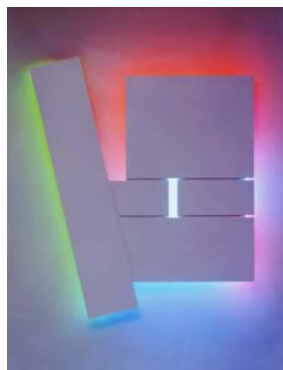
### EXHIBITION OF WORKS BY NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS AND RECIPIENTS OF HONORS AND AWARDS

May 21 – June 14, 2009

New York, NY, April 24, 2009 – The American Academy of Arts and Letters is pleased to announce its exhibition of paintings, sculpture, works on paper, and photographs; architectural models and renderings; and original manuscripts by newly elected members and recipients of honors and awards. Works will be on view from May 21 through June 14, 2009, at the Academy galleries located on historic Audubon Terrace.



**Tod Williams** *Oculus Mock-up*, Banyan Park, Mumbai, India 2009  
Courtesy of TWBTA



**Stephen Antonakos** *Departure*  
1993-2007 white paint on versacel  
and neon Courtesy of the artist



**Sigmar Polke** *Untitled (Lapis Lazuli)*  
1998 Pure lapis lazuli pigment and  
resin on canvas Courtesy of Michael  
Werner Gallery, NY



**Juhani Pallasmaa** Finnish Insti-  
tute Paris 1986-91  
Photo: Gérard Dufresne



**Hilary Harkness** *Morning Glory*  
2009 oil on panel Courtesy of  
Mary Boone Gallery, NY

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Thursday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed Memorial Day Weekend (May 23 & 24)

On Audubon Terrace, west side of Broadway between  
155 and 156 Streets, New York City.

*Admission Free*

*Paintings, sculpture, works on paper, photographs,  
architectural models and renderings by:*

#### Newly Elected Members in Art

David Adjaye, Judy Pfaff, Sigmar Polke  
Tod Williams

#### Architecture Award Winners

Stan Allen, Wendell Burnette  
Jeffrey Kipnis, Juhani Pallasmaa

#### Art Award Winners

Stephen Antonakos, Charles Cajori  
Gregory Crewdson, John Dubrow  
Hilary Harkness, Elisa Jensen  
Duncan Johnson, Susan Jane Walp

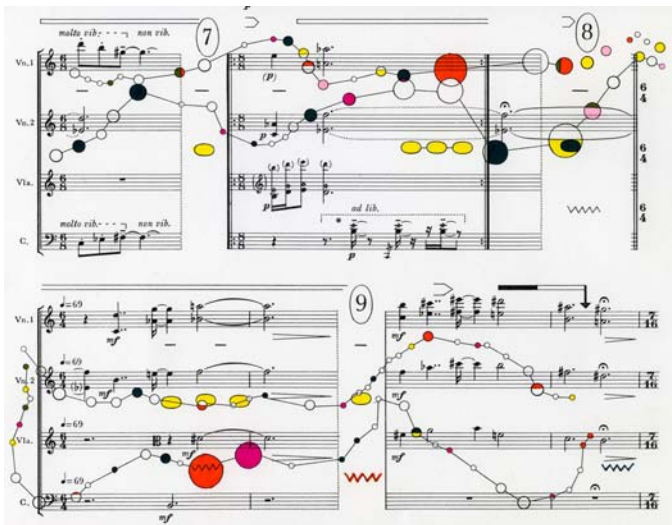
#### Art Purchases

Charles Gaines, Ann Gale, Mark Karnes  
Judy Linn, Tine Lundsryd, Chris Martin  
Beverly McIver, Harry Naar, David Nelson  
Jim Nutt, Celia Reisman, Stephen Talasnik

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**Gregory Crewdson** *Untitled Winter 2007* archival inkjet print  
 Courtesy of the artist and Luhring Augustine, NY



**Leon Kirchner** Excerpt from *Quartet No. 3* 1967 (Pulitzer Prize)  
 Courtesy of the artist

*Manuscripts and personal statements by:*

**Newly Elected Members in Literature & Music**

T. Coraghessan Boyle, Jorie Graham, Stephen Hartke  
 Yusef Komunyakaa, Richard Price, Frederic Rzewski  
 Augusta Read Thomas

**Gold Medal for Music**

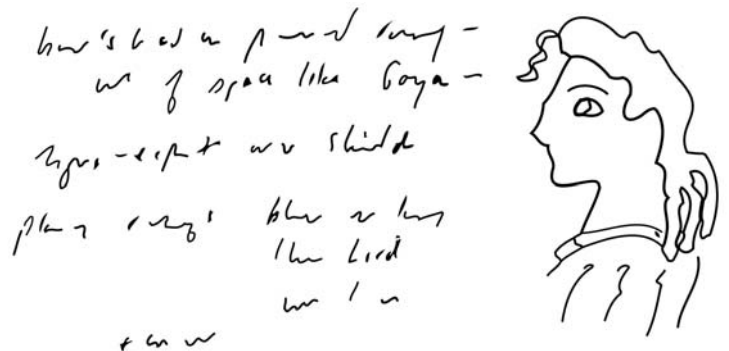
Leon Kirchner

**Gold Medal for Poetry**

Mark Strand

**Literature Award Winners**

Chris Adrian, Rilla Askew, Charles Bock,  
 Sharon Cameron, Peter Champion, Michael Collier  
 Ron Currie, Jr., Paul Farley, Eliza Griswold  
 Denis Johnson, Tracy Letts, D. Nurkse, Marie Ponsot  
 Gregory Rabassa, George Saunders, Susan Stewart



**Susan Stewart** Excerpt from travel notebook 1997  
 Courtesy of the artist

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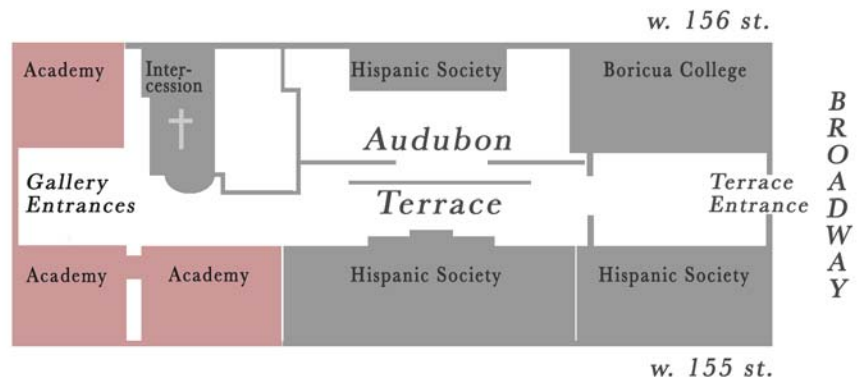
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**The American Academy of Arts and Letters**

The American Academy of Arts and Letters, chartered by Congress, was established in 1898 to “foster, assist, and sustain an interest in literature, music, and the fine arts.” Founding members include William Merritt Chase, Kenyon Cox, Daniel Chester French, Childe Hassam, Henry James, Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Vedder, and Woodrow Wilson. Each year, the Academy gives almost one million dollars in awards to artists, architects, writers, and composers. It presents exhibitions of art, architecture, and manuscripts, and subsidizes readings and performances of new musicals. The 111-year-old organization is located in three landmark buildings, designed by McKim, Mead & White, Cass Gilbert, and Charles Pratt Huntington, on Audubon Terrace between 155 and 156 streets and Broadway.