

PRESS RELEASE

Rogan Gregory's Captivating Sculptural Exhibition to Inaugurate Hotel Bel-Air's Enchanting Sculpture Garden



Los Angeles, June 14, 2023— Hotel Bel-Air, a Dorchester Collection hotel, is delighted to announce the highly anticipated debut of its stunning Sculpture Garden with an exclusive exhibition by acclaimed artist Rogan Gregory. Showcasing a captivating collection of thought-provoking sculptures, Gregory's exhibition will immerse guests in a world of artistic brilliance.

Recognized for his mastery of transforming raw materials into awe-inspiring works of art, Rogan Gregory has gained international acclaim for his unique approach to sculpture. Beginning at a very early age, Rogan spent any spare time using his hands in the studio working on a sculpture or artwork. Time spent in the studio making art began to take up all of his time and eventually eclipsed his fashion career. Gregory began making sculpture at

intimate and large scale. Through this three-dimensional expression, Gregory was able to articulate his true vision.

"I produce works that encourage sensory and emotional engagement with the evolutionary processes deeply

embedded in our consciousness."

Gregory meditates on line and proportion to achieve incongruous balance and asymmetrical harmony; ultimate

truths in nature. He works in a wide range of time-honored materials such as stone, bronze and wood, pairing

these known materials with those less familiar to develop aggregated surfaces that elude simple classification.

The exhibition features three pieces. Venus I and Venus II, are sculptural works consistent with Gregory's ongoing

Fertility Form series, where he sculpturally interprets the cycle of life— sexual intercourse, fertilization, cell

division, and subsequent processes—placed in situ, these two sculptures take part in the historical tradition of

the Venus form and are integral to Gregory's ongoing lifecycle saga. The works draw on personal biology,

figuratively and literally, through forms of machination. The last piece, Pink Sphinx, is a prime example of his ability

to merge the sculptural and functional while participating in, like Venus I and Venus II, an ancient practice of

carving a Totem sculpture out of living rock. In this case he perpetuates another one of the oldest known sculptural

traditions, the mythological Sphinx form, through his own lens of organicism and abstraction in the use of pink lioz

marble, quartz, and sedimentary stone

Hotel Bel-Air's Sculpture Garden, an enchanting haven of artistic expression, is designed to enhance the hotel's

existing lush landscape and provide guests with a harmonious blend of nature and creativity. Set against the

backdrop of verdant gardens and the iconic Swan Lake where the swans gracefully glide across the lake, the garden

serves as the perfect backdrop for Gregory's sculptures.

The exhibition was curated by James Hedges, the hotel's Curator of the Arts. It is complimentary and open to the

public seven days a week. All sculptures are available for purchase through <u>Hedges Projects</u>.

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