

# THE SCULPTURE CENTER

## News Release

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### **Kristen Baumliér: *Oh, Petroleum* Exhibition at The Sculpture Center in the *Window to Sculpture* Series**

The Sculpture Center will feature sculptor and multimedia performance artist **Kristen Baumliér**, in the *Window to Sculpture* series with a solo exhibition entitled *Oh, Petroleum*, from January 20 through February 17, 2006. The free, public reception with the artist is Friday, January 20 from 5 pm to 9 pm.

Kristen Baumliér's installation includes abstract images, objects, sound, projection, and viewer interaction to communicate the history, and past and present ideas about petroleum and energy use. Viewers will be able to manipulate stretchable latex graphic charts about petroleum, and peer through peepholes to see looping video images of oil substances. Among other concepts, Ms. Baumliér's work investigates how petroleum was created under unique geological conditions, and how petroleum is used in common household items including some products that we eat.

Ms. Baumliér, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, holds an MFA in Textiles from the California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, California, and a BFA in Sculpture from Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, Indiana. She has completed residencies with Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, California, and with the Faculty Exchange Residency, Schwaebisch Hall, Germany. Prior to her solo exhibition at The Sculpture Center, she has shown in group exhibitions throughout the United States, and in Vancouver, Canada, Germany, and Skopje, Macedonia. Ms. Baumliér is assistant professor with the TIME and Foundations, Digital Arts program at the Cleveland Institute of Art, and is a board member at SPACES Gallery in Cleveland, 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 Monday 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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