

THE SCULPTURE CENTER

News Release

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Thu Tran: *Food Party* **Exhibition at The Sculpture Center in the *Window to Sculpture* Series**

The Sculpture Center will feature sculptor **Thu Tran**, in the *Window to Sculpture* series with a solo exhibition entitled *Food Party*, from **November 17 through December 15, 2006**. The free, public reception with the artist is Friday, November 17 from 5 pm to 9 pm.

Thu Tran works in mixed materials and media. Her anime-influenced objects mimic current consumer marketing ploys. In this installation, Ms. Tran presents a “fantasy kitchen” styled as a cooking television program set. The kitchen, made of cardboard, is “staffed” by puppet characters and food products. “Things always taste better with a little MSG added... I take this approach when making work, and try to do visually what MSG does to the taste buds.”

Ms. Tran, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, earned a BFA in 2005 from Cleveland Institute of Art in Glass with emphasis on drawing, painting and printmaking. Ms. Tran, also a performance artist, has performed in festivals and events in Cleveland, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Prior to her solo exhibition at The Sculpture Center, she has shown her work in many group shows throughout Cleveland.

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 Wednesday 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 at 1834 East 123rd Street. The Sculpture Center is handicapped accessible. *Window to Sculpture* is funded in part by grants from The Bernice & David E. Davis Art Foundation, Kulas Foundation, and John P. Murphy Foundation.