

# SICA's Sculpt, Sculpture spotlight sculptures

**Long Branch** — The Shore Institute of the Contemporary Arts will be offering sculpture events on May 5, throughout the city.

The highlight will be "Sculpture," an urban sculpture park composed of over 25 major artworks on sites throughout downtown Long Branch, Pier Village, and along the ocean.

Sculpture will run through October. Sites for sculptures can be found on Broadway, by Pier Village, the Ocean Place Resort, Ocean Blvd., and numerous other sites in the vicinity.

In conjunction with Sculpture, SICA is having "Sculpt: a celebration of all things chiseled, shaped, and formed!" This celebration has planned to involve all of downtown Long Branch, Pier Village, and along the ocean front.

Some of the events planned for that day include:

From 10 a.m.-noon on May 5, there will be a reception for High Relief, SICA's first statewide High School Sculpture Competition. The reception will be held at The Shore Institute of the Contemporary Arts, 20 Third Ave.

If you can't make the reception, the works will be on display through May 18.

Come out and congratulate these young artists before head-



Many may have noticed sculptures and other artwork going up throughout the city: a huge metal couch in front of Pets and Paws in Pier Village, a tubular configuration on the circular piece of grass in Pier Village and many sculptures in other locations. Above, left, is Brookdale Community College art student Spencer V. Kieffer of Ocean Township, with his creation called "23 over 18." Helping Spencer install his project was Debi Candelora and BCC art instructor Erik Johanson. Spencer and other students got their inspiration and material from a dumpster. "One day there was a dumpster full of garbage at Brookdale. I gave my students the challenge of creating something out of that garbage," said Johanson.

ing to Pier Village for the rest of the day's activities.

**Sand sculpture competition**  
Part of the events planned will be a sand sculpture competition

from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. at Pier Village. The categories include:

- Family (3 or more persons)
  - Brothers and Sisters (2 or more)
  - Couples (2 persons)
  - Youth Groups (3-5 persons)
  - High School Groups (3-5 persons)
  - College Groups (3-5 persons)
  - Individuals (16 and older)
- To register in advance, call 732-263-1121 or visit [www.sica.org](http://www.sica.org).

## Sculpted instruments

From noon-2 p.m. on The Car Music Project will be performing at Pier Village.

Composer/guitarist Bill Milbrodt leads this ensemble of musicians performing on instruments built almost entirely from the parts of his old automobile by metal sculptor Ray Faunce III. Performers include renowned jazz bassist Wilbo Wright on Tank Bass (made from the gas tank), new music percussionist William Trigg and brass player James Spotto on Exhaustophone and other instruments.

Each of these members has a long history of performances and recordings in his own right: Trigg is leader of The College of New Jersey's percussion ensemble and has performed with John Cage, Philip Glass and the New York Philharmonic; Wright is a

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member of the instrumental avant garde band UI, and has played with Yo La Tengo, Chris Harford and Marc Ribot; and Spotto is known from his own quintet, "Proper James."

## Stretching the definition

Not all of these sculptures are inanimate substances given shape. Some other interpretations of sculpting are also on display that day:

From 2-3 p.m., there will be Body Sculpture demonstrations by Gold's Gym and Aquamedica.

From 3 p.m.-4 p.m., as part of the activities there will be a human kinetic sculpture dance performance. These "sculptors" offer creative and beautiful movement.

From 4-6 p.m. there will be a hair sculpture competition, Wigstock. Come out and witness how creative hair can be.

The events of the day will also conclude with an "Art of Hospitality" cocktail party from 6-8 p.m. at the Ocean Place Spa and Resort. Reservations are required for that.

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To receive more information about Sculpture and Sculpt, please call The Shore Institute of the Contemporary Arts at 732-263-1121 or visit [www.sica.org](http://www.sica.org).

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From noon- 2 p.m. on May 5, The Car Music Project will be performing at Pier Village as part of SICA's "Sculpt." The Car Music Project performs on instruments which have been sculpted out of pieces of cars, such as an exhaustophone.