



Sculptoure '09

Above - By Cindy Chan; Bergen County Academies
Below - Emilio Rossi working on piece for Sculptoure '09



Above - By Lauren Whitford; Point Pleasant Boro High School Below - By Chelsea Giacchi; Shore Regional High School



LONG BRANCH - You never want to forget who brought you to the dance. That's why we write so often about some of our favorite spots, the unique places that give the triCities that little something extra. The Shore Institute of Contemporary Art (SICA) is at the top of that list.

This weekend, they'll be unveiling Sculptoure '09, their Urban Sculpture Park, as well as High Relief, A state wide high school sculpture competition. They do both during a day-long event this Saturday, May 9, beginning with a reception for High Relief at their gallery, located at 20 Third Avenue, where the work of over 50 of New Jersey's finest high school sculptor's will be on display.

The rest of Sculptoure, a public space art project on steroids, you'll find where it belongs - downtown Long Branch, Pier Village and along Ocean Boulevard. Many will probably take a lot of that work in during next weekend's TriCity Art Walk (more about that next week), but we wanted to break Sculptoure out of the pack, so to speak and give it some play all its own.

That's owing to the role SICA and the event both play in the cultural life of the triCities. It's one we never want to forget, or short-

change (see also Eclectica in this week's triThese).

Here's some info about who's showing what, and a taste of what to expect.

SCULPTOURE '09 will feature the works of sculptors Lisa Bagwell, Jane A. Craven, the HS Creative Art Team, Jun Li, Kevin Karwan, Micheal Letnik, Robert Mataranglo, Adam Murray, Emilio Rossi, Chela St. Onges, Michal Sparks & Rebecca Biskaduros, Stephen Treson, Jennifer Watson, and Eric Von Arx.

This year Judges Bob Mataranglo and Adam Murray had to narrow a field of nearly 100 entries down to the works of 58 students from High Schools throughout the state.

Immediately following the opening reception Saturday they will have a sculpture event at SICA including the kick-off for Sculptoure '09, when you can meet the artists who produced the works throughout the city. We will also have barbecued delights, open studios at SICA, sculpture demonstrations, live music with Fun Machine, Xenia Skye, Sibling Rivalry and much more. Log onto sica.org for additional information.