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Mel Chin to Serve as Juror for 25th Rosen Sculpture Competition

BOONE -- The Turchin Center for the Visual Arts and An Appalachian Summer Festival are pleased to announce that artist, Mel Chin, will be serving as juror for the 25th Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition & Exhibition. The postmark deadline for submissions for the Rosen is February 12, 2011. Chin will choose ten finalists for installation on the campus of Appalachian State University and each will receive \$1,000 honorarium. One artist will be named the Martin & Doris Rosen Award Winner and receive a cash prize of \$5,000 in late July during the Rosen Sculpture Walk as part of An Appalachian Summer Festival.

About Mel Chin

Born in Houston to Chinese parents, Chin started creating art at a very young age. His art evades easy classification with themes such as alchemy, botany and ecology intersecting his work. Chin insinuates his art into unlikely places, including destroyed homes and toxic landfills with the purpose of investigating how art can provoke greater social awareness and responsibility. Unconventional and politically engaged, his projects also challenge the idea of the artist as the exclusive creative force behind an artwork. "The survival of my own ideas may not be as important as a condition I might create for others' ideas to be realized," says Chin, who often enlists entire neighborhoods or groups of students in creative partnerships.

Chin has received his BA from Peabody College in Nashville, TN and has received many awards and grants including Cal Arts Alpert Award in the Visual Arts, Rockefeller Foundation Grant, Joan Mitchell Foundation Award, Creative Capital Grant and the Nancy Graves Foundation Award among others. He currently lives and works in North Carolina.

About the Competition

Celebrating 25 years of bringing revolutionary sculpture to the campus of Appalachian State University, the Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition & Exhibition is a national juried competition presented annually by the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts in Boone, North Carolina. Made possible by the generosity of longtime arts supporters Martin and Doris Rosen, this national, juried competition continues a long-held tradition of showcasing the best of large-scale, contemporary American sculpture. Each year, sculptures are selected for exhibition, and are sited in outdoor, public settings across campus. A cash prize is awarded to the artist whose work is chosen as that year's Rosen Award winner. Since its establishment in 1987, The Rosen has become an integral part of An Appalachian Summer Festival, the university's annual multi-arts celebration, with the announcement of the Rosen Award winner, and the unveiling of the catalog coming during the festival's annual Sculpture Walk with this year's juror, Mel Chin. The 25th Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Walk is scheduled for **July 23, 2011 at 10 a.m.** For more information on the Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition, visit www.rosensculpture.org.

About An Appalachian Summer Festival

An Appalachian Summer Festival is a multi- and inter-disciplinary arts festival presenting and producing programs in music, dance, theatre, visual arts and film. The festival will forge a unique national identity through artistic excellence, innovative programming, commissioning new works, and educational opportunities. By bringing the most accomplished and respected creative and performing artists from around the world to Appalachian State University, the festival supports the overall university mission, enhances the cultural life of the Appalachian community and serves as an important gateway onto the campus. For updates on the 27th season of An Appalachian Summer Festival visit www.appsummer.org.

About the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

The Turchin Center is located at 423 West King St. in Boone, N.C. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, and noon – 8 p.m. Friday. The Center is closed Sunday and Monday and observes all university holidays. There is no admission charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. For additional details about the Turchin Center or the upcoming exhibition program, please call 828-262-3017 or visit www.tcva.org. Find the Turchin Center on Facebook (Turchin Center for the Visual Arts) and Twitter (@TurchinCenter).