

# Joy Brown on Broadway: Broadway Mall Association Presents 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sculpture Exhibition Opening May 17

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April 27, 2017 -- On May 17, 2017, the Broadway Mall Association celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the opening of *Joy Brown on Broadway*, a sculpture exhibition, organized in cooperation with the Morrison Gallery, Kent, CT, and NYC Parks, of nine bronze works on the green malls at the center of Broadway from 72<sup>nd</sup> Street to 166<sup>th</sup> Street. The exhibition is the 10th sculpture show that the Broadway Mall Association has presented on the malls since 2005.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony with the artist and local elected officials will take place on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the south entrance of the West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street subway station (between 71<sup>st</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> Streets). The exhibition continues through November 2017.

In *Joy Brown on Broadway*, the internationally-known artist exhibits this series of nine monumental bronze figures for the first time in the U.S. Joy Brown's rounded forms and natural materials of clay and bronze convey the heavy gravity of stone; the expressions and gestures transcend that weight, suggesting warmth and lightness of being. Simplicity of the forms and the earth-toned patina evoke a feeling of stillness and peace. The influence of the Japanese aesthetic on Joy Brown's sculpture springs from her childhood in Japan and apprenticeship in traditional Japanese ceramics.



Recliner with Head in Hands

#### **Sculptures & Locations**

72<sup>nd</sup> Street & Broadway (bet. 71<sup>st</sup> & 72<sup>nd</sup> Streets)

One Leaning on Another Bronze 77" H x 85" W x 98" D



**79<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway**Sitter with Head in Hands
Bronze
90" H x 55" W x 83" D

96<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway One Holding Small One Bronze 130" H x 71" W x 86" D



# 103<sup>rd</sup> Street & Broadway Two Together Bronze

94" H x 55" W x 55" D



#### 117<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway

Kneeler Bronze 77" H x 55" W x 49" D

## 148<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway

Sitters on Bench Bronze & Stone 65" H x 108" W x 37" D

# Ilka Tanya Payan Park (157<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway)

Animal with Rider Bronze 75" H x 47" W x 65" D

## Mitchel Square (166th Street & Broadway)

1. Recliner with Head in Hands Bronze 43" H x 120" L x 40" D

2. Recliner on Side Bronze 67" H x 132" W x 53" D

### **About Joy Brown**

Joy Brown has exhibited in galleries and museums in the United States, Europe, and Asia. Hospitals and schools in the U.S. and Japan have commissioned her three-dimensional wall installations. Her work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The International Herald Tribune, Art News*, *House and Garden*, and *Ceramics Monthly*. In 1998, she co-founded Still Mountain Center, a nonprofit arts organization that fosters East-West artistic exchange. In 2003,

Joy received the Ruth Steinkraus-Cohen Memorial Outstanding Women of Connecticut Award. Her works on Broadway are the result of a long time collaboration with Morrison Gallery and Purple Roof Gallery and Atelier who have supported and fabricated her work, in Shanghai.

#### **About NYC Parks**

In 2017 NYC Parks' Art in the Parks program celebrates 50 years of bringing contemporary public artworks to the city's parks, making New York City one of the world's largest open-air galleries. The agency has consistently fostered the creation and installation of temporary public art in parks throughout the five boroughs. Since 1967, NYC Parks has collaborated with arts organizations and artists to produce over 2,000 public artworks by 1,300 notable and emerging artists in over 200 parks. For more information about the program visit www.nyc.gov/parks/art. **Nycgovparks.org** 

#### **About Morrison Gallery**

William Morrison began his career in the arts by studying guitar in Los Angeles and was soon playing with such legendary performers as the Les Paul Trio. It was soon evident that Mr. Morrison's commitment to creative expression extended well beyond the music stage and in 1998 he opened the Morrison Gallery in Kent, CT. In order to provide a dynamic new venue for artists and viewers alike, the Morrison Gallery now exhibits the work of emerging regional artists, contemporary luminaries, and modern masters. Under Morrison's direction, the range of style and media is vast and the commitment to quality, constant.

#### Morrisongallery.com

#### **About the Broadway Mall Association**

For 30 years, the Broadway Mall Association (BMA) has worked to beautify and maintain the verdant malls in the center of Broadway from 70<sup>th</sup> Street to 168<sup>th</sup> Street. Today, BMA remains committed to carrying out our founders' vision of the Broadway Malls as a beautiful stretch of greenery uniting the diverse neighborhoods along Broadway. To maintain our 10.6 acre parkland, BMA plants annuals in spring and bulbs in fall. We also water the gardens and remove trash, supplementing services provided by NYC Parks. BMA enlivens the Malls with regular exhibitions of contemporary art, such as *Joy Brown on Broadway*.

### **Broadwaymall.org**







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