

GROUNDWORK

A reverence for nature and a desire to further enliven the surrounding trails, pastures, and woods inspired *Groundwork*—the Clark Art Institute’s first outdoor exhibition. Building on a history of collaboration with contemporary artists, the Clark commissioned Kelly Akashi, Nairy Baghramian, Jennie C. Jones, Eva LeWitt, Analia Saban, and Haegue Yang to create new works of art in active dialogue with this specific environment.

The artists conceived their works in response to sites of their choosing, knowing that visitors would have access day and night for more than a year. Found in varied locations across the Clark’s 140-acre campus, these installations are embedded in a landscape that is ever changing—both daily and seasonally.

Groundwork highlights the balance between fragility and resilience that both nature and the passage of time reveal, while offering fresh experiences with every visit.

In development for several years, this exhibition comes to fruition at a moment of dislocation, isolation, and uncertainty. The familiar experiences of being outdoors and encountering works of art have taken on new meaning in our unexpectedly changed world, offering the comforts of nature and culture, community and solitude, engagement and reflection.

Groundwork is organized by the Clark Art Institute with guest curators Molly Epstein and Abigail Ross Goodman.

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WORKS IN THE EXHIBITION

KA Kelly Akashi
A Device to See the World Twice
2020

EL Eva LeWitt
Resin Tower A (Orange)
Resin Tower B (Yellow)
Resin Tower C (Blue)
2020

NB Nairy Baghramian
Knee & Elbow
2020

AS Analia Saban
Teaching a Cow
How to Draw
2020

JCJ Jennie C. Jones
These (Mournful) Shores
2020

HY Haegue Yang
Migratory DMZ Birds on Asymmetric Lens
2020

TIPS FOR VISITORS

Groundwork installations are located throughout the Clark’s campus. We invite you to explore the sculptures in any order and experience the natural surroundings.

- A walk to view all of the works in the exhibition will take approximately two hours at a leisurely pace, traversing about two miles and including an upward climb to reach the top of Stone Hill.
- The activity level required is moderate. There are some sections of uneven or steep terrain.
- Sturdy footwear will be helpful; at times the ground can be muddy.
- Be mindful of available daylight and weather conditions.
- Practice safe social distancing while walking the trails.
- Wear sunscreen and tick protection.
- You may encounter wildlife, large and small, on our grounds, as well as pastured cows. The cows are friendly but prefer not to be approached.
- Restrooms are available inside the Clark Center, Manton Research Center, and Lunder Center during open hours. Outdoor restrooms are available at the Clark Center’s orientation booth at all times during temperate weather.

ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY

For information on accessibility and other inquiries, please consult our Visitor Services team at any of our admissions desks or call 413 458 2303. Advance queries can also be sent via email to groundwork@clarkart.edu.

In case of emergency or injury while walking the trails, dial 911. After placing a 911 call, please call 413 458 0412 to notify the Clark’s Security Department of your location.

Want to learn more about the art in *Groundwork*? Listen to the artists talk about their work:

- Download our museum app, Clark Art Mobile, at the App Store or Google Play store
- Visit our website at clarkart.edu/groundwork
- Scan to hear the artists on Soundcloud



CLARK CAMPUS TRAILS

- ★ GROUND/WORK KIOSK
- ◻ TRAIL MAP KIOSK
- ▲ RESTROOM
- PARKING LOT

- Pasture Trail 0.7 mi
- Stone Bench Trail 0.6 mi
- Woodland Trail 0.3 mi
- Nan Path 0.4 mi
- Howard Path 0.3 mi

- WILLIAMSTOWN TRAILS
- Stone Hill Road Trail 2.0 mi
- Carl Reidel Trail 0.5 mi
- Hopkins-Gale Trail 1.0 mi
- Buxton School Trail 0.9 mi

