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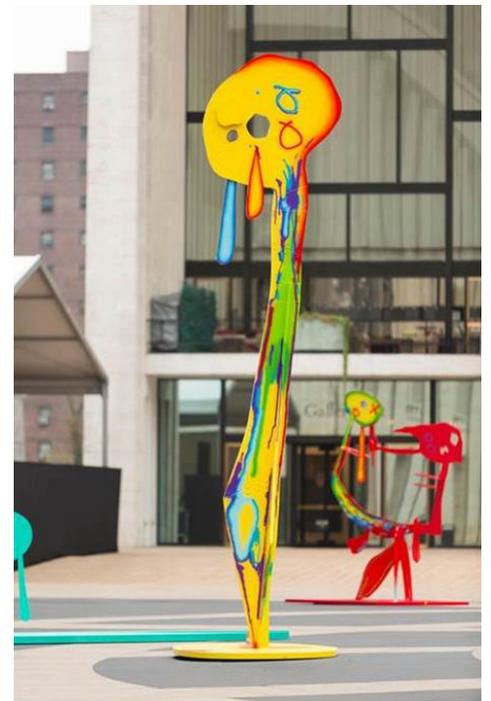
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Katonah Museum of Art Presents Aaron Curry's *UGLY MESS* on the Museum's South Lawn

November 3, 2015: Katonah, NY - The Katonah Museum of Art will present Los Angeles-based artist Aaron Curry's *UGLY MESS* on the Museum's South Lawn starting November 12 through June 2016. Curry's artworks fuse his interests in the sculptures of Modernist artists such as Pablo Picasso, Henry Moore, and Alexander Calder with his personal experiences of 1980's mass media, and skating and graffiti culture. This single-artwork exhibition is organized by Katonah Museum of Art Associate Curator, Elizabeth Rooklidge.

Composed of a single plane of aluminum painted with bright colors in a cartoon-like manner, *UGLY MESS* is an abstract, surreal sculpture that operates on the boundaries between modern and contemporary, painting and sculpture, the geometric and figuration. The bright yellow surface of the sculpture is "tagged" with lines and drips of bright orange, blue, green, purple, and red paint. While the height of the work renders it formidable to the viewer, the bright colors as well as its anthropomorphic shape, reminiscent of the slumped figure of a crying creature, humanizes the 18 ft. tall aluminum sculpture.

Aaron Curry (born 1972) is a Texas-native, living and working in Los Angeles, CA. A 2010 fellow at the American Academy in Berlin, the artist graduated with his BFA from the Art Institute of Chicago and later received an MFA from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, CA. Curry has exhibited in the United States, Asia, and Europe. His latest solo exhibition (2013) featured *UGLY MESS* along with 13 other sculptures installed at the Lincoln Center Plaza in Manhattan, NY.



Aaron Curry (American, b. 1972)
UGLY MESS, 2013, Painted aluminum
Courtesy the artist and Michael
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THE KATONAH MUSEUM OF ART:

The Katonah Museum of Art, committed to presenting exceptional art from all cultures and time periods through innovative exhibition and education programs, promotes the understanding and enjoyment of the visual arts for diverse audiences. The founders' decision to be a non-collecting institution resulted in a dynamic and flexible exhibition program, which remains one of the most distinctive features of the KMA. The KMA offers lectures, films, workshops, concerts, and other events for a general audience; and presents innovative and substantive programs for over 100 member schools. Our Learning Center is the only interactive space in Westchester County where children can come on a daily basis to explore and create art.

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Aaron Curry

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November 12 – June 2016

February 7 - February 21, 2016

March 6 - June 19, 2016

Fall 2016

The Katonah Museum of Art is located at 134 Jay Street, Katonah, NY 10536. Museum hours are: Tuesday through Saturday from 10am – 5pm, Sunday from 12pm – 5pm, closed Monday. General admission: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors & students. Members & children under the age of 12 always enter free. For more information, please call (914) 232-9555 or visit www.katonahmuseum.org.

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