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Jaume Plensa: *Behind the Walls*

Frieze Sculpture, Frieze New York, April - June 2019



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CHICAGO / NEW YORK / PARIS – Richard Gray Gallery and Galerie Lelong & Co. are thrilled to announce the international debut of Jaume Plensa's *Behind the Walls*, a monumental new sculpture to be installed at the historic Rockefeller Center on 5th Avenue in New York. Standing over 24 feet tall, *Behind the Walls* will be unveiled in April 2019 as part of Frieze New York's inaugural sculpture program, Frieze Sculpture.

"We've had the honor of working closely with Jaume Plensa for several decades and along with our partners Galerie Lelong & Co., are excited to present this richly symbolic new sculpture," says Paul Gray, partner of Richard Gray Gallery. " 'Is *Behind the Walls* a political statement?' some have asked me. Plensa told me that 'sometimes our voices are not the best way to speak, our ears not the only way to hear and we do not always see truth with our eyes.' "

"It has been an important year for Plensa," says Mary Sabbatino, Vice President and Partner of Galerie Lelong & Co., New York. "His sculptures continue to take on captivating new forms, as exemplified by his recent solo presentations at MACBA, Barcelona, and Palacio de Cristal at Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid. Plensa is constantly reinventing himself as one of the greatest sculptors and thinkers of our time."

Jaume Plensa is widely celebrated as one of the most significant voices in contemporary sculpture with monumental sculptures and striking public installations across the globe. For over thirty years, the internationally celebrated Spanish artist has created a multifaceted body of work on both great and intimate scales. Plensa has several significant works currently on display including his monumental portrait *Julia* on exhibition in Madrid's Colón Square, thanks to the support of the María Cristina Masaveu Peterson Foundation.

Frieze Sculpture is presented this year at Rockefeller Center in partnership with Tishman Speyer and is curated by Brett Littman, Director of the Isamu Noguchi Foundation and Garden Museum. Though Frieze Art Fair will take place on Randall's Island Park from May 2-5, 2019, Frieze Sculpture will remain on view through the end of June 2019.

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