

Alfred University MFA graduate Ashley Kerr awarded by International Sculpture Center
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"Transdermal," by Ashley Kerr, '18 MFA, Alfred University.

ALFRED, NY Alfred University alumna Ashley Kerr has been honored by the International Sculpture Center as recipient of a 2018 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award.

Kerr, who earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in sculpture dimensional studies in May, was honored by the International Sculpture Center (ISC) for her 2018 master&s thesis exhibition. Her sponsor for the award was Coral Lambert, associate professor of sculpture at Alfred University.

The ISC established the annual Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award program in 1994 to recognize young sculptors and to encourage their continued commitment to the field. It was also designed to draw attention to the sculpture programs of the participating universities, colleges and art schools. The award program&s growing publicity resulted in an exceptional number of participating institutions, as more than 138 universities, colleges and art school sculpture programs from eight countries nominated a total of 354 students.

Kerr was one of just 17 award recipients, along with 18 who earned honorable mention, chosen after a process of competitive viewing of submitted works. The award winners were chosen by a distinguished panel made up of Sam Ekwurtzel, Brooklyn-based artist and 2006 Student Award Recipient; Gina Miccinilli, educator and working sculptor,

Mahwah, NJ; and Ysabel Pinyol, curatorial director, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ.

"The ISC award is extremely competitive and provides the winning student with vital support and prestigious recognition at a crucial time of transition from student to professional artist," Lambert commented.

"The selection of the recipients from a large pool of applicants, including international students, is a great accomplishment and testament to the artistic promise of the students& work," according to a statement from the International Sculpture Center.

This marks the second time Kerr has been honored by the International Sculpture Center. After earning a BFA degree in sculpture from Florida Atlantic University in 2015, she received honorable mention in the 2016 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award competition.

Kerr and her fellow 2018 award recipients will participate in a fall/winter exhibition (dates and location to be announced) and have their artwork featured in October 2018 issue of Sculpture Magazine and also on the [ISC website](#).