

Alfred University graduate Marina Fridman honored by International Sculpture Center

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Between Looking and Seeing,
by Marina Fridman

ALFRED, NY – Alfred University alumna Marina Fridman has been cited by the International Sculpture Center in its 2018 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture competition.

Fridman, who received a Master of Fine Arts degree in sculpture dimensional studies in May, earned honorable mention in the competition for her submitted work, *Between Looking and Seeing*. Her faculty mentor for the award was Brett Hunter, associate professor of sculpture at Alfred University and chair of the Division of Dimensional Studies.

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.

Fridman was one of just 35 artists whose work was cited by the International Sculpture Center in its 2018 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture competition. There were 17 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award recipients, while 18 earned honorable mention. The honored students were chosen after a process of competitive viewing of submitted works 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.

Fridman, who earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in 2014, will have her artwork featured in October 2018 issue of *Sculpture Magazine* and also on the [ISC website](#). In addition to Fridman, another 2018 Alfred University graduate, Ashley Kerr (MFA), was recognized by the ISC. Kerr was named recipient of

a 2018 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award.