

Twilight Art Tour and Classical Concert at Nova's Ark Project

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Twilight Tours of Nova's Ark Project

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The first in a series of **Twilight Tours** on the sculpture fields of **Nova's Ark Project** will take place on **Thursday, August 30**, from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m** at 60 Millstone Road in Bridgehampton. The Sculpture Park tour will be followed by a performance of Salomé Chamber Orchestra in the Castle Barn on the property at 7 p.m. The concert features music inspired by nature. Proceeds benefit the Terra Nova Foundation.



“Wind” by NOVA. Photo: Thierry Van Biesen.

Although Nova’s Ark Project hosts several events and fundraisers throughout the year, this inaugural Twilight Tour is one of the special occasions when the public is invited onto the property to enjoy the art and the surrounding nature in the quiet intimacy of a late-summer evening.

Light refreshments will be served. Admission for the tour is \$10.00. Admission to the musical performance and tour is \$15.00 when purchased in advance through the Salome website: www.salomechamber.org.



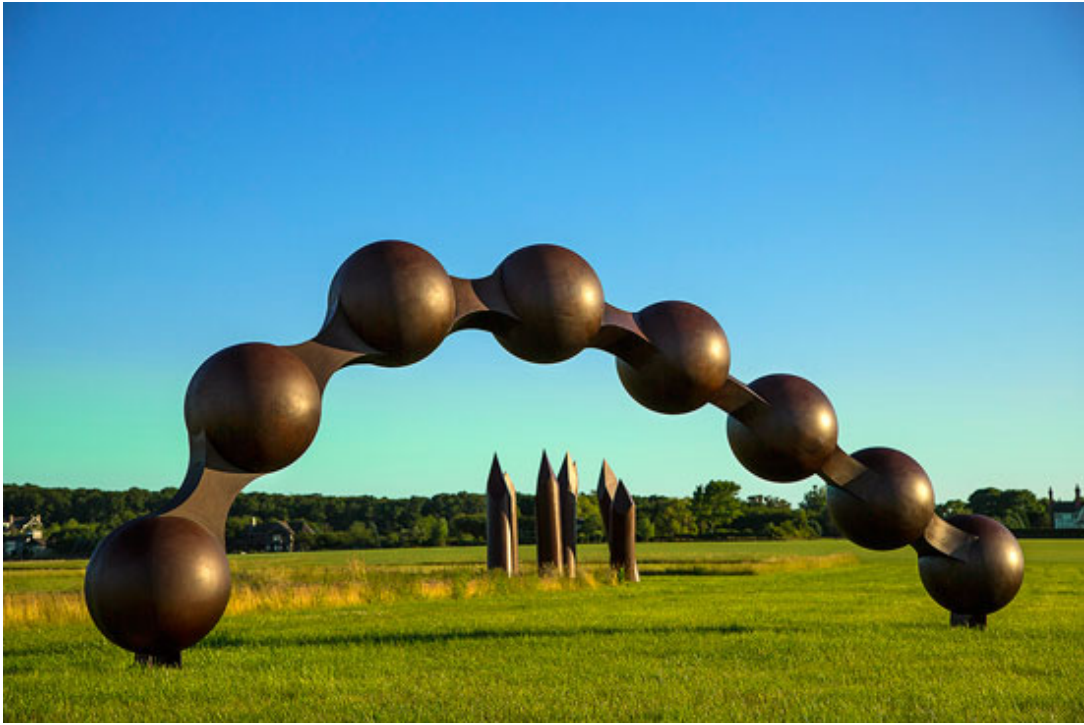
Salomé Chamber Orchestra.

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About Nova's Ark Project: Many people remark on Nova's "elliptical house," the surrounding sculptures and the small herd of sheep grazing in the shadow of the sculptures. Few realize that these sights are only a glimpse of the ninety-five acres of preserved countryside featuring huge steel sculptures set in open fields, as well as murals and interior sculptures.

All works currently on view are the creation of its founder: the Transylvanian-born artist Mihai Popa, known simply as "Nova" (1928-2009). More than a half-dozen new sculptures have been installed in the past two months.

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"Milky Way" by NOVA. Photo: Thierry Van Biesen.



"Multiverse" by NOVA. Photo: Thierry Van Biesen.

Nova saw the entire property as one huge canvas on which to present his "Integral Art," a fusion of painting, sculpture, architecture and philosophy with nature. His scope was to develop an art of universal meaning, representing the most noble dreams of our contemporary civilization.

Through his teachings, well over one hundred fifty aspiring artists have understood the spirit of Integral Art and are now carrying that spirit out into the world. This creative educational process takes place in the heart of the Hamptons, where Nova's Ark Project has evolved into a unique sculpture park, museum and gallery complex. www.novasarkproject.com.



"Soldiers" by NOVA. Steel, 16 x 30 x 16 feet. Seven pieces. Photo: Thierry Van Biesen.



"Towers" by NOVA. Steel, 31 x 3.5 x 3.5 feet. Photo: Thierry Van Biesen.

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Salomé Chamber Orchestra is an electrifying new conductor-less string ensemble based in New York City. It was founded in September 2009 by the Carpenter siblings (violinists Sean and Lauren and violist David). Salomé consists of top-ranking graduates from The Curtis Institute of Music, The Julliard School, Manhattan School of Music, Princeton University, and Yale University.

The group is dedicated to advancing the works of both underappreciated and well-recognized chamber composers and to performing a broad range from Baroque to contemporary repertoire.

In NYC, they have performed in Steinway Hall, Carnegie Hall, Barge Music, Christie's, MILK Studios and the MET Museum. They have also appeared on NPR's Performance Today and on national TV.

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"Settlers" by NOVA. Photo: Thierry Van Biesen.

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